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Formula Sought To End Dispute Between Britain And Egypt

WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS

Washington, Dec. 30.

United States and British officials in recent days have held informal discussions on how to resolve the Anglo-Egyptian dispute and secure Egyptian participation in the proposed Middle East defence command. They hope to be able to come up with some overall formula to be presented for consideration by President Truman and Mr Winston Churchill when the latter arrives in Washington.

This was reported by authoritative sources, who said one American suggestion in the informal talks has been that Britain recognise King Farouk as ruler of the Sudan pending a plebiscite in which the Sudanese would determine their own future. The American hope is that the Egyptians, who themselves suggested the plebiscite, would then be willing to accept in principle Egyptian adherence to the Middle East pact.

However officials emphasise that this is but one of the number of ideas being "kicked around" in the Anglo-American talks at working diplomatic level here and in London.

The foregoing formula sidesteps the thorny issue of the Suez. In addition to demanding that the British quit the Sudan, the Egyptians also demand that all British troops be withdrawn from the Suez Canal Zone. So far, neither the Americans nor the British appear to have come up with any definite ideas of how to resolve the issue.

VITAL WATER LINK

The United States agrees with the British position that the vital water link between East and West not be left undefended. Both countries appear to doubt the ability of the Egyptians to defend it themselves.

One suggestion advanced by some Americans is that Britain agrees to withdraw in return for a pledge by the Egyptians to allow some substitution of an international force of the Middle East command as a guardian force. The Egyptian answer to that so far has been that, until the British agree to withdraw, there can be no discussion of the defence command or anything else – United Press.

ISMAILIA RIOTING

Ismailia, Dec. 30.

A British army communique stated tonight that firing broke out again in Ismailia yesterday and that some of the rioters were believed to have been detained at the Egyptian Police headquarters.

The firing started when the civil Police arrested Ali Pasha, local leader of the Egyptian "Liberation" movement.

No British personnel were involved.

Ali Pasha was later released on bail.

All attempts to derail a military train on the El Kebir railway line were prevented when British soldiers acting as escorts on the train spotted saboteurs and opened fire.

In order to discourage sabotage, the British are now sending their military trains close behind trains belonging to the Egyptian State Railways. France-Presse.

JORDAN POLICE RAID

Amman, Dec. 30.

Jordan Police in a surprise raid arrested Fuad Nimeh Nassar, reputed to be the No. 1 Arab Communist in Israel, and three of his colleagues, it was announced today.

They also seized a printing press and large quantities of Communist literature.

Nassar, 38, was said to have infiltrated into Jordan recently from Israel. He was followed from place to place until he reached Amman.

Then when he went into a secret conference on the outskirts of Amman the Police struck. All those at the conference were taken quietly. No details were immediately available of the nature of their secret talks.—Reuter.

Tallulah In Court

The trial of Mrs Evelyn Cronin, ex-maid to screen star Tallulah Bankhead on charges of grand larceny and forgery, ended last week in New York. At one stage the Judge (Judge Harold Stevens), the first negro ever to sit on a General Sessions Bench, had to clear the Court before order could be restored. Picture shows Tallulah Bankhead and her attorney Donald Seawell, seen in Court.—London Express.

New Power For Free World In 1952 Forecast

MR DEAN ACHESON IN OPTIMISTIC MOOD

Past Year Reviewed

New York, Dec. 30.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, predicted tonight that the free world gain in 1952 the power to take or withhold action "which will have a decisive effect upon the cause of peace."

Mr Acheson contended firmly that at the end of the year "We are better off than we were a year ago." In a year-end summary of American foreign policy and the common struggle against Communism, Mr Acheson found that "central responsibility" for maintaining the peace still rested with the United States—"one great repository of strength for those who value freedom."

The Secretary of State gave his views in a broadcast speech at the annual award dinner of Jewish War Veterans, which presented him with its 1951 Gold Medal of Merit for his efforts to stem Communism and build a peaceful world.

He said: "During the past year, the free world has gained in strength and moved appreciably towards greater unity. There are grounds for confidence, but there are no grounds for complacency. We cannot afford to let down at all in vigilance, purpose and effort."

He declared that the West was not yet "over the hump" in its fight for freedom.

"The outcome in the contest between a better future and a return to the Dark Ages is still undetermined," he said.

The American people had been the leaders of revolution of the common people for a century and a half, he pointed out, and their greatest asset was the "American idea."

"Throughout the world, where people are oppressed, wherever people dream of freedom and opportunity, they feel the inspiration of the American idea."

He warned against permitting "excesses of partisan zeal" to interfere with national interests in the election year of 1952.

"We must always remember we cannot find security by ourselves nor inspiration to those who are on our side if we here in America spoil our own best traditions by prejudice, by hysterical distortion of the fight against tyranny," he said.

GLOBAL PICTURE

The Secretary gave the following global picture of foreign policy development in Europe and the North Atlantic area:

"The year 1951 has been a period of progress and growth, much of it beneath the surface ...we and our friends in Europe know we can build sufficient strength, both military and economic, to deter aggression or check it...By the end of 1952 we can be well along toward our goal...and 1952 can be a year of historic decision for Europe—a year in which Europe can enter into a new era."

Mr Acheson said the work of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation's military command "has gone forward largely unseen and gone far" under General Dwight Eisenhower's leadership. Three important decisions which must be made early in 1952, he asserted, had to do with the quantity and quality of European military forces, German participation in the defence of Europe and creation of a European defence community and European Army.

He declared that the Atlantic community had the "resources and skill" to surmount economic and financial problems. He noted that the Foreign Ministers of several European States had worked out many of the difficulties concerning Germany and the European Army by patient negotiation in the last few days.

SOME GROUND LOST

Mr Acheson said efforts to unify Western Europe may prove to be the "most important step forward" during 1951. On the Near and Middle East, he said, "Here, I think, we lost some ground in 1951."

The Suez waterway and Iranian oil crises, he said, "offer dangerous opportunities for exploitation by Kremlin". On the other hand, he pointed to Greece and Turkey as bright spots which had "steadfastly withstood continued pressure from the Soviet Union".

He recommended co-operative effort as the best means of insuring defence of the area.

"The proposed Middle East Command can provide for an association of full and equal partners and could be a strong bulwark of freedom of this important part of the world," said Mr Acheson.

The Secretary said that even though much had been accomplished in 1951, "we shall not rest until our men being held prisoner are released and we will stand fast against any settlement that would reward aggression or compromise the security of the Republic of Korea." He said the Allies had proven in Korea that collective security could work.

In Southeast Asia, Mr Acheson said, there were dangerous signs of further trouble from Communist aggression in Indo-China and also in Burma, which would require continued vigilance in 1952.

He found the Philippines winning its fight against Red-inspired rebellion.—United Press.

Six Points Settled At Six-Power Parleys

Paris, Dec. 30.

The Six-Power Conference for the creation of a European Army, which ended its session here tonight, published a communique containing some points concerning the establishment of a new European defence organisation.

The points mentioned in the communique, which summarised the work of the conference, were as follows:

1—The military organisation of common defence must constitute a stage towards the unification of Europe, which remains one of the essential aims of the governments represented at the conference.

2—The conference decided to give an assembly, to be set up by the defence community, the task of examining creation of a federal organisation which would be taken over in due course by the organisation provided for in the treaty.

DUTCH PROPOSAL

3 — On the proposal of the Netherlands' Foreign Minister, Mr Direk Stikker, it was decided that as soon as the treaty came into force, steps will be taken to elaborate a definite treaty on the federal organisation while the assembly would also study this same problem.

4 — The political organisation of the defence community will include four bodies — a council of ministers, a high commissariat, an assembly and a court of justice.

5—An agreement has been reached on the principle of a joint budget of the community.

The study of methods of transferring national budgets to the budget of the community, however, has been reserved for a further conference.

6—Such an agreement has been reached on almost all the questions relating to integration and composition of common defence forces.

Another meeting of the Six-Power conference will take place in Paris in January.—France-Presse.

Churchill Delay Causes No Worry

Washington, Dec. 30.

American officials tonight were unperturbed over the one-day delay in Mr Winston Churchill's departure for the United States, saying they could easily rearrange schedules here to accommodate the visitors. They emphasised that the inconvenience was to the distinguished visitor and not his hosts.

A White House informant said it was felt there would be "plenty of time" for the serious talks scheduled between the Anglo - American leaders, although the British Prime Minister might have to postpone his New York visit one day if he wanted to fill the entire programme as originally scheduled.

The spokesman indicated that the fact that Congress reconvenes on January 8 did not mean President Truman would not have time for discussions that day or the next if Mr Churchill chose to prolong his initial stay in Washington.

Mr Churchill originally was scheduled to go to New York on the 9th, then on to Ottawa, and back to Washington on the 15.—United Press.

ANGELINA CREW SAFE

French Gunboat To The Rescue

SHIP REFLOATED

All the crew of the British motor vessel Angelina (formerly the Edith Moller) of 555 gross tons, which went aground at Chilipai Reef off Haiphong in a thick fog early yesterday, were rescued by a French gunboat and taken safely to Haiphong yesterday.

The ship's charterers, the Shun Cheong Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., of 24, Connaught Road, West, said this morning that the crew, which comprises 27 members including three British officers, left the ship in a lifeboat and were later picked up by the gunboat. None of the crew suffered any injuries. The master of the vessel is Capt. C.L.V. Dury, MBE (Military) and the owners are the Tai On Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

The Angelina herself was later refloated and was now proceeding to Haiphong under tow of another British steamer, the Kola of 1,538 tons, which had proceeded to her aid and which sent a message to Hongkong last evening stating that she found the Angelina abandoned.

CARGO UNDAMAGED

The charterers said that the Angelina was holed and her propellers smashed, but otherwise seaworthy. The cargo of 450 tons of potatoes, fresh fruit and general merchandise was undamaged.

The first SOS received in Hongkong from the Angelina was at 4.30 a.m. yesterday. Other messages followed, one of them stating that the No. 3 tank was out of order, that the ship was apparently holed and that the engines were out of commission.

The Kola picked up the distress signals while she was on her way here from Haiphong and immediately steamed to the aid of the crippled Angelina.

At the time of the accident, the Angelina was on her way from Hongkong to Haiphong, having left here on the afternoon of December 28. She ran aground after encountering heavy weather on Hainan Strait.

FLYING ENTERPRISE

Chelsea, Mass, Dec. 30.

A radio message from the ss Porto Alegre today said rescue operations with the Flying Enterprise were continuing with no losses.

The weather is slowly moderating.—United Press.

Man Admits Slaying Wife

Berlin, Dec. 30.

Walter Staehr, aged 58, walked into a police station and said: "I have killed my wife," the West German police said today.

He brought his razor, a shaving brush and some food with him.

Staehr was divorced from his wife, also aged 50, two weeks ago. She died some hours after being found bleeding from head wounds caused by hammer blows at her home at Tempelhof, the police said.

The couple still lived together but the wife had asked the justice authorities to turn him out by tomorrow.—Reuter.

Flynn Cleared Of Charges

Nice, Dec. 30.

An examining magistrate cleared the American film actor, Errol Flynn, today of allegations that he had raped a 17-year-old girl on board his yacht off Cannes during the summer of 1950.

The girl, Danielle Dervin, daughter of a former Monte Carlo hotel owner, had lodged a complaint alleging that the actor lured her on board his yacht and then raped her.—Reuter.

TANKER WRECKED

Bayonne, Dec. 30.

The 400-ton Dutch tanker, Gemma, was wrecked today after a fierce Atlantic storm had flung her on the rocks at Guethary, a small seaside resort near here.

It was feared that the crew of eight had been drowned.

The Gemma was reported last night from San Sebastian in Spain to be in a dangerous position. Two days earlier trawlers of the Spanish fishing fleet went out to search for the Gemma, then reported to be drifting with engine trouble near Bilbao.—Reuter.

TRAIN DERAILED

Hanoi, Dec. 30.

A train running between Haiphong and Hanoi was derailed today 17 kilometres from Haiphong by a mine laid on the track.

The engine and several cars toppled over injuring two persons and blocking the line for some hours.—France-Presse.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Year In Retrospect

DECEMBER 31 inevitably calls for a stocktaking; not only of what the world has accomplished during the past twelve months, but whether its achievements have been greater or lesser than its failures. The year 1951 does not present a particularly happy balance sheet. International relations have become more strained than ever: the rift between the Western Powers and Russia and her partners has widened. A belated effort has been made to find a common formula for universal disarmament and the outlawing of atomic weapons, but virtually no progress can be discerned. Developments in the Middle East have added to the general troubled state of the world; both Persia and Egypt have torn up solemn agreements as though they were nothing more than pieces of paper; and while there was no bloodshed in Iran because the late Socialist Government believed that by withdrawing British personnel from the scene, Dr Mossadegh and his colleagues would listen to reason, there has been a deplorable number of shooting incidents in the Canal Zone where the Egyptian authorities have so far shown themselves incapable of maintaining order. The state of unrest in the Middle East, created very largely by fanatical elements, is, in fact, one of the most disconcerting developments of 1951, posing a complex and incalculable problem for the year ahead. In Korea, where theoretically some advance has been made towards an armistice, hostilities are, in fact, still going on, and as the year closes it cannot be claimed that the prospects of an early settlement are very bright. The world has managed to avoid a universal conflagration during 1951, but very little else. In Malaya, organised banditry and guerilla warfare continue to plague the country and the year has seen disappointingly little progress towards the effective suppression of these Communist-inspired elements. The end of 1951 shows some improvement in the situation in Indo-China where the Vietminh rebels have suffered some major military reverses. Britain's economic plight and the non-too-successful endeavours to weld the defences of Western Europe have been other features of 1951 affecting international relations and at the same time creating uncertainties at the beginning of a new year. Nor can it be said that Hongkong has remained unaffected by the various international developments, many of them interrelated. Restrictions on trading have had their impact on the Colony's economy and community welfare; living costs are higher, unemployment is on the increase (though not disastrously), and our merchants and industrialists face 1952 in sober mood. In other respects, however, Hongkong has gone through 1951 quietly, without accomplishing anything spectacular, yet in a manner which demonstrates the firm confidence both the community and Government have in the future of the Colony. Considerable progress has been made in social reform and educational development; substantial schemes are either in hand or have been approved, all designed to benefit the Colony as a whole. It can be fairly claimed that Hongkong has taken 1951, with all its vicissitudes and tribulations, in its stride, and has gone forward. Not everything that everybody would desire has been accomplished; nevertheless 1951 has been a year of progress and of achievement for Hongkong. And because of this we can quite sincerely express the wish that 1952 will be a year of happiness and prosperity for the Colony and its inhabitants.

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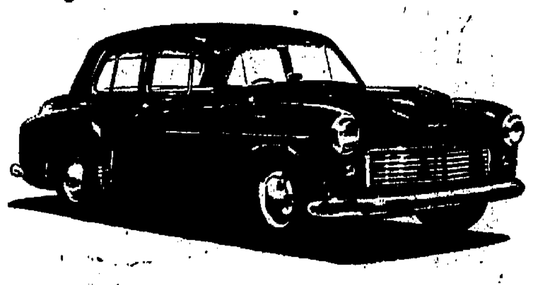

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Empire Architects' Exhibit

Drawings To Be Sent To Hongkong

London, Dec. 30.

Mr Alfred Bossom, Conservative M.P. and architect, has offered to present medals and certificates of merit yearly for the best entries in what, it is hoped, will become an annual Commonwealth exhibition of architectural drawings.

A group of architects [illegible] Royal Colonial Institute [illegible] the exhibitions to encourage closer co-operation between members of British Commonwealth countries.

The organising group thinks there has been too little co-operation between Commonwealth architects and that architecture as a whole has followed only national trends. An exhibition opened at London University recently is the group's first effort to remedy this.

The display has an extensive collection of work from many parts of the Commonwealth. It gives British architects a picture of developments overseas and trends for the future. After it closes, the drawings are to be sent to schools of architecture in Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and to Hongkong, which has recently established a team of architecture.

Many forces in the campaign for co-operation is Professor Hector Corbett of the Chair of Architecture at London University. He said today that little was known in Britain about some of the new approaches to design in the Commonwealth. Overseas drawings submitted were first-rate, specially those from Australia and New Zealand.

"Mr Bossom's offer should help greatly in establishing genuine co-operation between architects," he said. They are [illegible] and London Express Service.

Appointed To CDC

Latest recruit to the board of the Colonial Development Corporation is Joshua Hindman Hughes Beaver, wartime Director-General and Controller-General at the Ministry of Works.

Sir Hugh is 61 years of age. In addition to being managing director of Arthur Guinness, Son and Co., he is also Chairman of the British Institute of Management.

CONFERENCE ON TELEVISION

Berlin, Dec. 30.

An inter-national television conference will be held in West Berlin in March.

At the same time German television [illegible] achievements will be shown at a joint exhibition in the technical university here, the North-West German radio station, the postal authorities and the television building industry.—Reut.

"Carols By Candlelight" Service In London

Candles light the chancel of St. Paul's Church, Onslow Square, London. And by the candles the choir read their music as the Rev. C. Barham-Gould conducts a "Carols by Candlelight" service.

Floods Menace Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.

Residential areas in South-East Los Angeles had to be evacuated today because of heavy rains which have caused floods in Southern California.

Traffic has also been held up on several Californian roads. — France-Presse.

DEATH OF COLONIAL EXPERT

London, Dec. 30.

An authority on tropical diseases and consultant to the Colonial Office, Professor Frederick Murgatroyd, M.D., F.R.C.P. has died. He was author of numerous publications on malaria and trypanosomiasis.

In 1940, he became Assistant Director of Pathology to the forces in West Africa, with the rank of Lieut-Col in the R.A.M.C. His work then earned him a mention in despatches.

Among other posts he held were: Physician to the Hospital of Tropical Diseases, Physician to the Albert Dock Hospital, Physician in Tropical Medicine to the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich. He was a fellow and member of the Council of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Qualifying in 1926 at Liverpool University, he afterwards lectured on protozoology and tropical medicine. From 1936-7 he was Senior Research Fellow in tropical medicine for the Tropical Medical Research Council; in 1937 he came to London to take up appointments as lecturer in clinical tropical medicine at the London School of Hygiene, and Assistant Physician at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.—London Express Service.

OIL EXPERTS' MISSION

Teheran, Dec. 30.

The Persian Government spokesman, Mr Boucheri, announced today that three oil experts of the International Bank would arrive in the Persian Capital tomorrow and would subsequently visit Abadan.

After the experts had returned to Washington, the Bank would submit its proposals to Persia, he added.

Mr Boucheri, who is also Minister of Communications, said that the Persian Government was in favour of President Truman's Point Four Aid Programme but on certain conditions.—France-Presse.

Truman Appoints Commission To Study US Health

Washington, Dec. 30.

President Truman today created a commission to study the nation's health needs and directed it to look over his own proposals which Congress so far has ignored.

He named 15 prominent lay and professional persons to undertake the study which could be ended in a year or sooner. To head the new commission Mr Truman named Dr Paul B. Magnuson, noted Chicago orthopedic surgeon who was expelled this year as Veterans Administrator medical director after a controversy with the VA chief, Carl R. Gray, Jr.

Some of the studies which the commission will undertake include Mr Truman's proposals which are opposed by the American Medical Association. The AMA raised millions of dollars to fight the proposals and was certain to fight them again in the next session of Congress should Mr Truman use any of the commission's interim reports to plug for them.

In a way it was the President's own answer to his request to the medical profession to come up with a better national health plan if it could than the one he had proposed.

The group was formally named the "President's commission to study the health needs of the nation." Mr Truman asked it for recommendations for safeguarding and improving the health of the nation. His own recommendations for constructive action, he said, had received enthusiastic support and bitter opposition. "As a result our people are confused about the proper course of action on subjects so vitally important to their welfare," he said.

He directed the commission to inquire into and study the following:—

SUPPLY OF DOCTORS

(1) The present and prospective supply of physicians, dentists and other medical people and the ability of schools to provide what is needed.

(2) The ability of local public health units to meet the demands of civil defence requirements.

(3) Problems created by the shift of workers to defence production areas which would require the relocation of medical personnel.

(4) How existing and planned medical facilities meet present and prospective needs.

(5) Present research activities in the field of health and the research programme needed.

(6) The effect on maintaining health standards of action taken to meet long-range military requirements.

(7) The adequacy of private and public programmes designed to provide ways to pay for medical care.

(8) How much the Government should contribute to local governments for health purposes.—United Press.

Discarding Another Principle

Belgrade, Dec. 30

Yugoslavia is prepared to throw overboard still another cherished Communist principle by inviting private capital from the West to invest in Yugoslav mines and possibly other enterprises.

Exploratory talks have been going on for several weeks with the approval of the highest economic authorities. Among them was W. Vukmanovic, Minister of Mines and one of Marshal Tito's closest collaborators.

There has been no report of any reaction so far. The Yugoslavs themselves were understood to be not clear how they could arrange to obtain sufficient foreign capital without involving themselves too much with foreigners. But they were reported to be impatient with the slowness with which three-power economic aid is being given.

Though they were reported still determined to avoid creating an economy based on production of raw materials, such as Russia tried to impose on them, the Yugoslavs were said to be eager to cash in on the current high prices in world markets.—United Press.

Defence Discussion

Paris, Dec. 30.

The Turkish and Greek Ambassadors in Paris were received by the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, this morning. M. Schuman and the Ambassadors held a long discussion on European defence problems.—United Press.

Empire Students To Get New Home In London

London, Dec. 30.

It took a war and the generosity of thousands of Commonwealth and American people to inspire a plan which, in a matter of three or four years, will make life in London a little easier for students from overseas.

Britons, in March last year, began contributing to a national thanksgiving fund to provide a memorial in gratitude to those who sent food parcels to Britain during the war.

And today, plans are going ahead for the construction of that memorial—a hall of residence giving students from the Commonwealth and America a headquarters and a home in London.

It will be built in the largely-student suburb of Bloomsbury as an addition to the present hostels. But it will possess the added significance of having been donated by Britons spontaneously as a small repayment.

Site for the building is in Mecklenburgh Square, one of London's oldest squares and shrouded in an atmosphere of Georgian architecture. Opposite it, across the square, stands London House, a home now for about 200 male students from the Commonwealth and provided by the Dominion Students' Hall Trust.

The new building it has been given no name so far is designed to enlarge the scope of London House. It will do this in two dimensions, as it were: one by including both sexes, and two, by opening its membership to visiting Americans. It will be available, too, for married students.

WILL TAKE 100

Altogether, when finished, the House will accommodate about 100 graduates and undergraduates. Plans are being drawn up now and the cost of the structure is estimated at between £300,000 and £400,000. The building will rise from the site of nine houses, five of which were completely or partially destroyed by bombs and still stand as shells. Half one side of the square will be filled.

The Trust Council formed when the fund closed in July this year does not want to wait three years or so while the memorial is being built to show some results of the national thanksgiving. So they are working on a short-term plan, part of which is already complete.

Two houses in nearby Guilford Street have been taken over and are now occupied by 30 girls from countries including Australia, Trinidad, Nyasaland, Rhodesia and Canada. The Council is currently renovating one of the houses in the Square to provide three flats for married students.

LORD MAYOR'S IDEA

Man responsible initially for the proposed memorial is Sir Frederick Rowlands, Lord Mayor of London in 1950.

He called for a national contribution of £2 million but the fund closed with less than half this sum—£810,000.

It was generally agreed in Britain at the time that popular gratitude had not been dulled by the lapse of time but its expression had been cramped by the financial stringency of the moment.

Still, £600,000 has been handed over to the Trust Council and the scheme, though pruned in its scale, is being pursued with the spirit in which it was founded. Fulfilment of the original plans will have to wait for easier times.—London Express Service.

Rubber Factory In S. Korea

Cheju Island, Dec. 30.

A rubber factory, evacuated from Seoul a year ago, has been in operation here and is producing 600 pairs of Korean rubber shoes daily.

The factory started operations with power from a 50-kilowatt Diesel generator and with five tons of raw rubber supplied by the United Nations Civil Assistance Command in Korea.—Reuter.

Britain Again Battered

London, Dec. 30.

The tail-end of the worst Atlantic storm in 22 years lashed the British Isles and parts of Europe tonight. Several ships flashed distress signals and at least 10 seamen were reported lost.

Violent winds, rain and snow battered Britain for the fourth day. The Air Ministry forecast a let-up in the storm on Monday.

In France, violent storms isolated 200 holiday-makers in the ski resort of Luchon near Lourdes. Rescuers are on their way there with food.—United Press.

U.S. Output Achieves New Record

1951 WAS BEST YEAR EVER

Washington, Dec. 30.

The United States increased production by about eight per cent in 1951 to its highest figure ever, Mr Charles Sawyer, United States Secretary of Commerce, said today.

In a year-end review of the economic situation, Mr Sawyer said that the gross national product in 1951 totalled $327,000 million—15 per cent higher than in 1950.

About half of this rise represented higher prices and the rest the increase in volume.

Unemployment, which averages about 3,000,000 in 1950, was reduced to 2,000,000 in 1951, he said.

"In 1951, as we mobilised our resources for defence, expenditure for military and related purposes was $34,000 million, more than double the 1951 total," Mr Sawyer said.

DEFENCE SPENDING

"We also made available a large volume of goods and services to strengthen the economies of foreign nations."

Industrial production was 10 per cent higher in 1951 than in 1950.

Mr Sawyer said: "The most dynamic element in 1951 business expansion was the doubling of Federal defence expenditures, $20,000 million in the fourth quarter (at the annual rate) to more than $40,000 million in the final quarter of 1951."

Though deliveries of military items and new construction under the defence programme amounted to $16,000 million during the past year, 1951 was primarily a period of preparation for volume production to come later, Mr Sawyer said.—Reuter.

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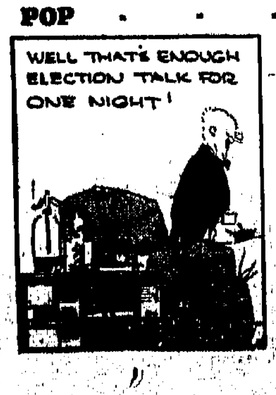

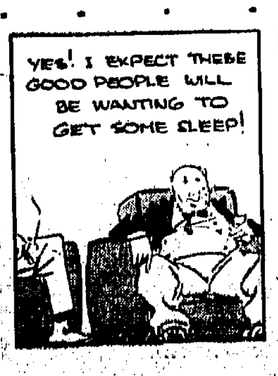

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DEVELOPMENT IN QUEENSLAND IS GOING AHEAD

Brisbane, Dec. 30.

Queensland is today mustering her vast, largely untapped, resources in the battle for Australia's future. Two of the main obstacles to full development of the continent are population and production.

Like the rest of Australia, Queensland has a severe housing shortage, limiting her ability to take much-needed immigrants.

If it were not for the lack of funds the State could increase its population by hundreds of thousands of people in the Queensland present population of 1,191,245.

Since the war, 27,000 immigrants have reached Queensland, including about 16,000 from the United Kingdom.

For the most part, these were nominated by persons already here, who had guaranteed their accommodation.

Now the Government is establishing decentralised hostels, which will house limited numbers of immigrant family units. One is set up at Townsville, and others are under way at Rockhampton and Maryborough.

To supplement local effort the Government has contracted to import from abroad 4,000 homes, costing £8,000,000, to be erected within two years. With these Queensland will beat all previous records in house construction, which reached 10,000 in 1950.

Many development projects are still in the blueprint stage, pending Commonwealth financial aid which has been sought on the ground that these are national defence works.

GIANT DAM

Some of the largest projects are aimed at damming coastal rivers for electrification and irrigation, steps which would open huge areas to settlement in North Queensland.

The most ambitious move is a £A29 million dam proposed at the mouth of the Burdekin River with a wall 150 feet high and stretching 2,900 feet across the river.

It would hold back six million acre-feet of water, or 16 times the capacity of Sydney Harbour. Engineers claim that it would irrigate 250,000 acres in the Burdekin Valley and a total of 900,000 acres of coastal land.

The State case for Commonwealth assistance is that the Burdekin Dam would provide for 5,000 irrigated farms and that the secondary industries created by it would increase the region's population by 40,000.

It is a sore point with the Queensland Premier, Mr E. M. Hanlon, that the Commonwealth Government has not yet committed itself financially to help the State with this and other works.

"Anything done by the Commonwealth or any neglect by it of the defence of Northern Australia affects the whole of Australia," he argues.

The Queensland Government is pursuing a vigorous policy of electrification. The total so installed or under construction by the public authorities in various part of the State is at £A23 million.

The State Government's rural reconstruction scheme has been put into operation at Goondiwindi, the Maryborough area and Cloncurry, and similar projects are to be established at Rockhampton and Townsville.

The electricity which these stations will generate will greatly help industrial development particularly [illegible] and pasture irrigation.

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FARM EXPERIMENT

Mineral production in the State last year was worth £A16,500,000. Huge coal deposits at Blair Athol, Callide, and other centres have yet to be exploited on a large scale, but exploited on a large scale, but coal production has kept pace with industry, with a record output last year of 2,320,000 tons valued at £A3,562,500.

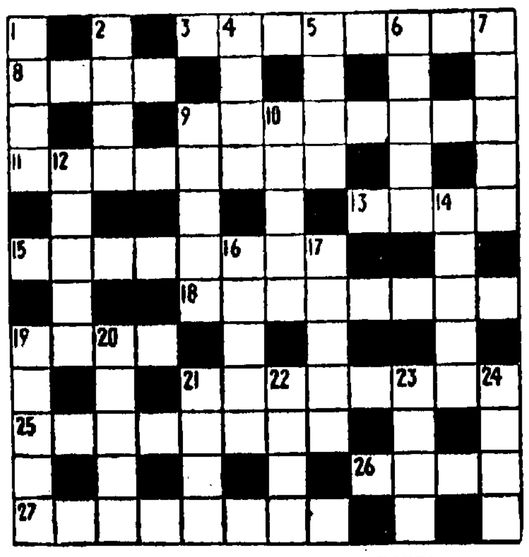
As an experiment in large-scale farming, the Queensland British Food Corporation holdings in the central-west have food farm covering 487,124 acres.

Figures given in Parliament last August showed that the farms had produced to date 1,986,000 bushels of sorghum and 23,505 bushels of sunflower seed. The corporation had 20,880 cattle.

Queensland's 2,000,000 acres under crop include not only wheat and sorghum but also other crops of wide national concern. Tobacco has been soundly established. This year, local growers are producing 2,000 tons of Australia's annual requirement of 18,000 tons and it has been estimated that by 1960 Queensland will be producing one-third of Australia's needs.

Experiments made by the Bureau of Tropic Agriculture in growing tea, rice and jute have so far proved successful. With tea imports costing £A8,000,000 and jute goods £A13 million a year, the growth of these tropical crops is being encouraged. Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Embellishing (8).
8 Attention (4).
9 Temperate (8).
11 Ate (8).
13 Beverage (4).
15 Regards with scorn (8).
18 Orgy (8).
19 Stalk (4).
21 Apartment house (8).
23 Bullfighter (6).
26 Obstinate (4).
27 Residence (8).

DOWN

1 Smart (4).
2 Niggardly (4).
4 Condemn (4).
5 Repented (4).
6 Senseless (5).
7 Avarice (5).
9 Harmony (5).
10 Postpone (5).
12 Open (5).
14 Once more (5).
16 Put by (5).
17 Grave (5).
19 Glutted (5).
20 Uncanny (5).
21 Of more than average height (4).
22 Midday (4).
23 Blade (4).
24 Political party (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Harass, 4 Rooms, 7 Disperse, 8 Flake, 9 Sullen, 11 Garment, 13 Rancher, 15 Rattle, 18 Ashen, 19 Triangle, 20 Synod, 21 Needed. Down: 1 Hades, 2 Appal, 3 Strange, 4 Reefer 5 Ornament, 6 Street, 10 Luncheon, 12 Arraign, 13 Roasts, 14 Hunted, 16 Tinge, 17 Emend.

The Army Gives A Children's Party

The Eastern Command gave a Christmas party for children at which Major-General L. K. Lockhart, GOC East Anglian District, attended. In top picture Stephen Rochester, 3, son of a lance/corporal in the Essex Regiment, sucks his thumb while nautical Michael Sage, 4, seems unmoved by the Punch and Judy show. Below, General Lockhart helps up five-year-old Christine, daughter of CSM Pringle of the Suffolk Regiment, after she had come off the slide.

CHINESE DIPLOMATS IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 30.

Eight Chinese Nationalist diplomats [illegible] have now been [illegible] public authorities on Various part of the S[illegible] million.

The South Government [illegible] reopening [illegible] S.A.S. hostel [illegible] place [illegible] Cheshire. The Marchbolsover [illegible] and [illegible] similar projects are to be established at Rockhampton and Townsville.

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

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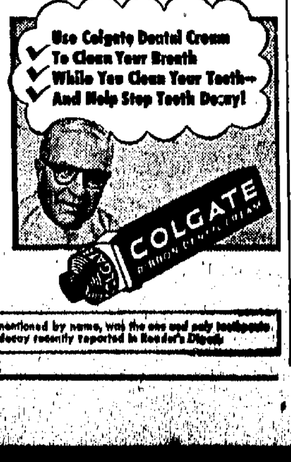
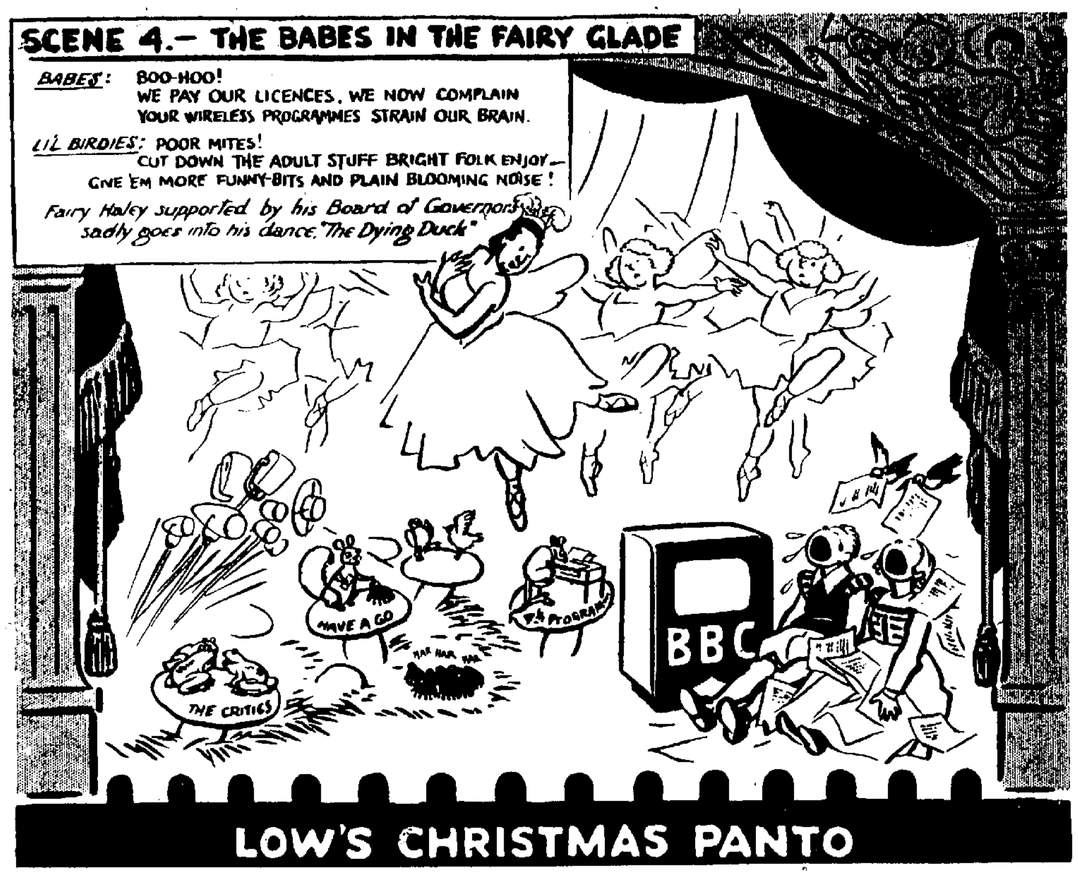


*YOU SHOULD KNOW! Colgate's, while not mentioned by name, was the one and only toothpaste used in the scientific research on tooth decay recently reported in Reader's Digest.



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THREE PRIVATE LIVES ON A SOVIET LEVEL

SEFTON DELMER opens up an official British document to disclose to readers the checked and authoritative statements made by Soviet soldiers who have deserted to the West. He details—

The Cobbler who says that six out of 800 neighbours had real shoes;

The Film Girl had to bribe to get fuel. And finally—

The Convict

FIRST man whose story I extract from the dossiers is the corporal who had served as a cobbler "acting unpaid" in the Red Army. So he knew all about boots and shoes. And he stared—says the official British interrogation report—with incredulous delight at a pair of civilian shoes given him by the British.

"Never, never did I expect to have such wonderful shoes for myself," he rejoiced. "Or such a splendid suit of clothes."

He fingered lovingly the not-very-first-class German material of his 90s. reach-me-down.

"No one had a suit as good as this at home, not even the director of the tractor station," he said. "And shoes! There were only six out of 800 in our village who had leather ones. The others all wore bast shoes made of straw and puttees. I know, because I helped my uncle make the leather ones."

Ten days before this the corporal had deserted from Stalin's Army, made his way across the frontier.

The commander of his Soviet unit had been over to see him in British hands and had appealed to him to come back.

But the corporal had firmly turned the Soviet commander down.

Flood of words

NOW he was free....free to marvel at all the good things in the way of clothes cooking pots, furniture, lighting, food, housing, which life holds for people outside the Soviet Union.

Above all he was free to speak. The corporal talked and talked and talked. There was no stopping him.

It is a normal stage, his interrogators knew, in the process of psychological liberation.

Again and again, in reports prepared by the British authorities I have read that refugees have arrived, tired and evasive; they still feared the spy for Stalin was lurking behind every wall.

Then the dam would suddenly be lifted, and thoughts and observations pent up in years of repression would come bursting out in a non-stop flood. Like the corporal all the fugitives have one constant refrain: *"At home no one knows it is like this outside. They think the way they live is the way the whole world lives."*

Deserter

OUR corporal was born on August 29, 1926, in Kuksovo, a small mud-track village of one-roomed wooden houses without drains, water, or light. His schooling, like that of the vast majority of Soviet children, began at the age of eight, and ended when he was 12.

In 1940, after doing his basic military training, he was schooled as a plasterer and sent to work in Moscow.

In three months there nearly all his classmates deserted.

The corporal decided to follow their example, but he was caught and sent to gaol. When he came out the Red Army summoned him once more, and he was sent to Germany.

2.—The Film Girl

VALENTINA was a secretary stenographer with a Soviet film unit making a rosy documentary of life under Stalin in "liberated East Germany."

"Before I was sent to Germany on location," she said. "I lived in Leningrad."

Hear what she has to say about the struggle to get a little fuel for the stove in her 12ft. by 12ft. room. (As a great privilege she had this room to herself. The other four rooms in the flat, sharing the same kitchen, are occupied by four large-size families.)

"First a permit had to be obtained for the fuel. The best way to get it was to bribe an official. The permit would be for three cubic feet of wood, the entire ration for the bitterly cold Leningrad winter.

"Next I would have to go to the fuel depot — but NOT in office hours.

"As often as not my journey would be fruitless. The depot would be closed or no fuel would be in stock.

"Next the transport problem. I would club with friends and hire a van—but we had to follow the wood on its way through the streets to make sure that no one stole any. And even when it was in my room I could not be sure it was safe even under my bed.

"People are so short of everything there are no morals about stealing even from friends."

3.—The Convict

THE LIEUTENANT, who is an ex-convict, is number three on my list. I call him ex-convict because when he was still a private he served an 11-month gaol term for overstaying his leave by seven hours.

He is a fanatical Russian patriot, and broke with Stalin and deserted because he became convinced that the Russian people are being ruined by men who care nothing for the Russian people.

"They are only concerned with spreading Communism over the world, and they are doing it at our expense," he said. He was born and brought up in the new industrial area in the Urals, which he revisited recently on leave.

Inhabitants there, he said, are for the most part deportees. Men uprooted from their homes in the Ukraine, the Baltic provinces, Rumania, the Crimea, or one of the many other regions where Stalin considers the native population unreliable.

Then there are the inmates of the many forced labour camps — officers from the Soviet occupation army in Germany, for instance, who talked of the superiority of German industrial methods. And there are the thousands who have been released from these camps or have escaped from them.

All of these people, said the lieutenant, have undoubtedly become demoralised by their experiences. Appalling living conditions in this industrial area do the rest.

There is little food, housing is primitive and overcrowded. In hovels and barracks, men, women, and children are dying off daily in thousands without any notice being taken.

Vodka is the main factor in life. There is no other amusement. Everyone drinks heavily, from the miners in the coal mines, where there are accidents all the time, to the chiefs of the party and of the secret police.

Said the lieutenant: "While I was home in Polovainka the police chief of my town shot dead two workers while he was drunk in a restaurant. He was sentenced to five years.

"In fact, that sentence would mean death. For the inmates of the labour camps are a law unto themselves, and no police official can survive among them.

"The party and the Government authorities do nothing about this rule of vodka. Probably they think that alcohol is the best way of preventing any trouble here."

Headache?

HE may well be right. Already today bands of escaped prisoners roam the countryside pillaging wherever they please. They have fought pitched battles with crack troops of Stalin's special police.

If anyone were to turn this chaotic anarchy into organised resistance against the regime it might provide the Kremlin with a headache even greater than the desertions from the Red Army in Germany.

—(London Express Service)

CONSTERNATION!

France tightens up her tax laws and causes a stir in the Mayfair of Paris

From SAM WHITE

Paris.

A MINOR dispersal of some of the major rich living in Paris is foreshadowed for the New Year. The reason is that the French Treasury have discovered a loophole in the reciprocal tax agreements France has with a number of countries.

Under these agreements most foreign residents in Paris who pay taxes in their native countries are not subject to French taxation. But it has now been found that this sort of agreement applies only to incomes derived by foreigners direct from their country of origin.

PARIS NEWSLETTER

In fact many rich foreign residents here draw incomes from investments in countries other than their native lands. A number of wealthy Latin-Americans, for example, have the bulk of their fortunes invested in the U.S.A.

The French Treasury have already started to act on this discovery, and great is the consternation in Passy, the Mayfair of Paris.

Several rich foreigners are faced with tax assessments on U.S.-derived incomes. Some of these assessments demand back taxes for as long as five years.

The result is that many a luminary of the Paris social scene is already laying plans to migrate to Italy or Spain, where taxation authorities are known to be more accommodating.

WANTED A VISA

FRENCH novelist Andre Malraux, now one of General de Gaulle's closest associates, formerly a colonel in the International Brigade during the Spanish Civil War, applied recently for a Spanish visa to visit the Goya exhibition in Madrid.

The Spanish Embassy in Paris replied: "If you come to Spain one of two things may happen to you: either you will be arrested or you may be invited to lunch by General Franco."

Malraux, a man of grim earnestness, decided to skip the visit.

QUESTIONS THEY ASK

A WELCOME Bureau staffed by six attractive hostesses now greets cross-Channel travellers arriving at the Gare du Nord. Among questions these girls are asked—and have answered—are: "Has Mass ever been said in the Paris sewers?" "Is there a Japanese garden in Paris?" "Can you tell me of a cheap Paris night club?"

GARBO SAYS SORRY

GRETA GARBO, who is staying in Paris, was invited by the manager of Paris's famous theatre, the Comedie Francaise, to attend one of its evening performances.

She replied: "I am sorry that I cannot accept, as if I attend an evening performance I may be recognised. I would much rather just slip in during a matinee."

DECORATIONS BILL

THE United Nations, which last year decided to award medals for troops in Korea, has now totted up the bill: £160,700. This includes 1,700,000 medals at 2s 5d. each, 2,170,000 ribbon bars at 2½d. each, and 217,350 yards of ribbon at 1s. a yard.

PRIZES FOR ALL

THIS is the season of the year in Paris when so many literary prizes are being awarded that it is almost impossible to write a book without getting one of them.

Most sought-after prize is the Prix Goncourt which is a kind of literary Royal Academy award; the least sought-after is the Prix Arcadius which is awarded by a jury of 13 journalists and critics for the least merited prizewinner.

This year the Prix Goncourt has run into heavy weather. It has gone to an author who had warned beforehand that he would refuse to accept it. This was the first time such a thing has happened in the 50 year old history of the award.

The author who won the prize is a 41-year-old teacher, Louis Poirier, whose pen name is Julien Gracq.

His prize-winning novel is concerned with a war between two imaginary feudal states.

The Goncourt prize is worth £5 in cash, but with a Prix Goncourt wrapper around a novel it means a fortune to both author and publisher.

M. Poirier announced his detestation of literary prizes only a few days before his book was chosen. He then referred to them as inducing a "stomach literature," this being a reference to the gastronomic delights which Paris literary juries engage in before making their choice.

However, Poirier has received so much publicity over his refusal of the prize that he can well do without the Prix Goncourt wrapper. Paris booksellers report a record demand for his work.

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PROGRESS NOTE: A Father Christmas in one of the Paris stores had an interpreter by his side who could speak six languages.

INSIDE INFORMATION

By MERCURY

London.

GENERAL Eisenhower will tell the North Atlantic powers at Lisbon in February that his mission to Europe is complete. The General will then return to Columbia University, where he will be free to declare himself eligible for the Presidential election campaign.

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Sardar K. M. Pannikar, Indian envoy to Peking, now in Paris, will be replaced in the new year. Nehru has been disappointed over his handling of affairs in Tibet.

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President Truman has recalled his top financial advisers from overseas to help him assess the 1952 defence budget, to be announced next month.

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A Hungarian general and 35 senior army officers suspected of anti-Communist activities have been arrested, and their wives sent to detention camps.

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Sir Andrew Duncan is being mentioned as the new Minister of Defence, to take over Mr Churchill's responsibilities there when the Prime Minister returns from the U.S. Mr Lyttelton will remain at the Colonial Office.

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The Cabinet will announce the changes on the board of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company shortly.

British oilmen returning from the Middle East say the Persian stocks are dangerously low, and that work at Abadan has almost stopped.

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Customs officers are preparing a dossier on poor quality foreign glass imported here, restamped and then exported as British. Some of this glassware has arrived in the West Indies.

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Plans for an internal civil air line for West Germany will be explained by Dr Adenauer when he entertains Mr Churchill in Germany next year. Current schedules there are operated by B.E.A., Air France, and Pan-American.

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The N.A.T.O. Deputies' Council is likely to be abolished in the New Year.

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The Foreign Secretary, Mr Eden, believes all European Army problems will be settled at the Lisbon meeting of the North Atlantic Powers.

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R.A.F. newest fighters will go into operational service soon at home and overseas.

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Denmark will increase the army conscription period from 12 to 16 months shortly.

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Mr Churchill is being pressed by MPs to broadcast a fireside chat to miners in the New Year. MPs and miners' leaders urging closer co-operation between the Government and miners say the broadcast would help clear misunderstandings.

The National Coal Board is considering a new offer from Italy to send 20,000 miners here. The offer may be accepted if miners' leaders and areas agree to placings for the men.

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The Coal Board believe this new labour force could step up output in 1952 by 6,000,000 tons. Output this year is likely to top 220,000,000 tons.

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British shipyards, working to capacity, have orders totalling £170,000,000 for overseas.

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Scotland Yard, the Special Investigation Department of H.M. Customs, and the Danish police are trying to solve how three tons of Maria Theresa silver dollars worth £50,000 have been smuggled from Britain to Denmark.

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U.S. Republicans are urging President Truman to remove Mr Snyder, Treasury chief, from office.

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Britain will buy more cotton from Pakistan next year to offset the cut in supplies from Egypt.

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Top U.S. industrialists will arrive in UK soon to press British firms to take space at the 1953 New York Fair.

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America will develop soon a British parachute which features helicopter rotor arms instead of the usual canopy.

? ? ? ? ? WOMAN OF THE YEAR

WHEN the headliners search their news memories to choose the Woman of the Year, they do not always pick from the headlines of 1951.

In a round-up, so often there came pat the reply put most briefly by—

CAROL REED

MY WIFE, because she has stuck it for another year.

SIR ALAN HERBERT

MY WIFE. Because all wives have such a difficult job now and she does it so very well.

PETER BAKER, M.P.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH, because she managed to combine the essential qualities of the daughter and wife at home with the burdens of Britain's ambassadress abroad during her father's illness.

NEWS EDITOR, DAILY EXPRESS

MRS BRADDOCK. Because she has reached new extremes of notoriety in 1951.

ROBERT BOOTHBY, M.P.

MOIRA SHEARER — because she's my cousin, and because she is married and such a lovely dancer.

SIR MAURICE BOWRA
Vice-Chancellor of Oxford

MRS JOHN BETJEMAN, wife of the author and broadcaster, for having a most original personality.

JOHN MACADAM

FLORENCE CHADWICK, for being the youngest woman ever to swim the English Channel.

BARON
The photographer

LUDMILLA TCHERINA, because, although she lost her husband three months ago, she has carried on magnificently, and still looks and dances wonderfully. She is also, in my opinion, one of the three most beautiful women in the world.

EVE PERRICK

CELIA JOHNSON as Woman Of The Year, for being the only person with an original suggestion for Man Of The Year. (Her choice: *The Abominable Snowman*, "because it is lovely to have him back again.")

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE actress who complained that one of her former husbands cut her should make allowances. It may not have been because he had done better for himself, but simply because he did not recognise her.

"One marries so many people," as one of them said; and only the other day an actress who had left her fifth husband out of a list said: "A dame can't remember everything." The French wit Tristan Bernard, when a critic cut him dead, said, "He's so changed that he doesn't recognise me."

With comment

A RACING motorist is pleading for car races on English roads. As part of the campaign to encourage care and courtesy on the roads, and to stop the daily slaughter, this is worth a badge, diploma or medal.

The Hidden Rhinoceros (IX)

HACKINKOV, leader of the People's Urban Agricultural Democratic Anarchist Party, sent a code message to Pranzy, leader of the Free Progressive Social Democratic Bjoczists. "Have now absorbed Rural Progressive Democratic Proletarian Party. Do I liquidate Buzov or Skimmilk? Or both?" Back came the reply: "Both. Also absorb Progressive Free Socialist Agricultural Democrats and Free Social Democratic People's Party." Hackinkov got his files mixed, absorbed the wrong parties, killed the wrong men, and was howled down by the Central People's Proletarian Union of Democratic Agricultural Proletarian Parties, rebuked by Snidibathy, and kidnapped by the District Director of Agricultural Democratic Committees, Vladimir Hatz. All this was the background to the struggle inside the People's Union of Christian Atheists, the most powerful influence in the secret counsels of the Progressive Scharzyists.

Prodnose: Is all this necessary?

Myself: Without it, the story is a mere lowbrow tale of adventure.

A poignant moment

WHEN I read of an American tennis girl who burst into tears after she had beaten a multi-millionairess, I said to myself, "Tears, no doubt, of shame and self-abasement. And," I went on, "what a timely lesson to the girl who sneered at her defeated opponent because the loser hadn't very much money." However, the agonised conqueror recovered sufficiently to remember her lines. Speaking of a man with whom she had tea after the embarrassing victory, she is reported to have said, "We are just good friends."

YOUR BIRTHDAY .... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

BORN on this last day of the year, your talents lie in many different directions. Art, music and literature are likely to be your primary interests, but you are also capable in the various fields of science or technological planning. And you probably would make a good politician. It is likely, however, that you will use your gift of persuasion and your magnetic personality to put over a new invention or an artistic idea.

Your taste is unerring but, since you are not at all conventional in your attitudes, there are those who may consider that it is your taste rather than your talent that is at fault. Never be dismayed at opposition, for those who lead the procession are always open to the criticism of doubters. If you persevere, ultimate success will prevail.

You have an affectionate and lovable nature and are apt to select your friends from among those who have similar cultural and artistic tastes. Your love nature is deep and you require equal devotion in return if you are to be happy and contented. Inclined to be melancholy if you feel neglected by your friends and loved ones, you can usually work yourself out of a bad mood by reading or listening to good music. You have the gift for the written and the spoken word and during the later part of your life might add writing to your many modes of creative expression.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1952

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Good advice, offered today, may prove very valuable. Give it serious thought before rejecting it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A gathering of close friends on this New Year's Day at your home might bring exceptional happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—A good day for a wedding, for courtship and romance. This is a time to listen to your heart carefully.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 21)—A good stay-at-home day. Discuss future plans for the coming year with members of your family.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Regrets for the past do no one any good. Look forward to and plan for the future as you wish it to be.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Talk over the new year's budget with all the family and get their co-operation.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—It is a restless combative day. Be careful when dealing with co-workers. It's too easy to start a fight.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Celebrate New Year's Day with the utmost happiness and joy with which the holiday season has been passing.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Your greatest happiness will be at home surrounded by your family. Invite friends for the evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A happy new year for you! It begins a new cycle, for which you can give thanks. Enjoy yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A fine day for planning. An experiment could easily work out even better than you imagined.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day for resting, but it is also a good time to make your future plans carefully.

BORN on this first day of a new year, your natural executive ability should make you a good leader, either in military or life. But you have one failing of the hard-headed executive: things must be done your way—or not at all. You may discover that sometimes there is an alternate that is just as good! You women, in fact, are usually the dominating influence in your marriage. All contracts, even the marriage contract, hold some pitfalls for there must be some give-and-take if there is to be complete happiness on both sides.

Your ties of home and kin are exceptionally strong and you will take on responsibilities others might avoid. In this regard you are not the perfect executive. Your life is marked for considerable travel. You are apt to get restless if you are in one place for very long.

You have personal magnetism and draw people to you in all circles of life. It is likely that you will be quite fortunate in business matters as a result of your own initiative. When called upon to fight, you can put up a good battle. But you would prefer to use persuasion without belligerency whenever possible.

You are not one to give up without a good try at having your own way. If you fail you rarely blame anyone but yourself, but as soon as opportunity permits you will start off again on some other project. Your versatility would even make it easy for you to change professions in mid-life if necessary.

Your love nature is strong and it is likely that you will wed early in life. If it is not a happy union, you will have only yourself to blame.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An inspiration today should be a valuable one. Work it out carefully. It can prove highly profitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you haven't heard from friends lately perhaps you are at fault. Have you let correspondence lag?

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Budget problems and expenses, rather larger than usual, can prove troublesome. Make an attempt to solve them.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't give up any of your independence by getting involved in some new scheme, however profitable.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If careless, you may lose something of value today. Don't try to blame anyone but yourself for it!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Rearrange your working plans so that they operate more efficiently. The evening is for love and courtship.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Begin the new work week with full confidence that you can clear up your schedule efficiently.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Use tact to secure the co-operative effort of co-workers on a project that lies very close to your heart.

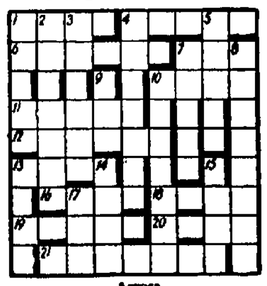
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't battle the tide. If your opinions appear unpopular, drop them for the time being. Wait!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Work matters call for full attention. You could receive a promotion with an increase in pay today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good day for courtship or marriage. Plan some interesting entertainment for the evening hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If given a job with new responsibility, don't hesitate to ask for all the proper instructions.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Way of escape. (4)
4. Point of a broken thorn. (5)
6. Fancy singing the "insect on the fringe." (6)
7. Tooth. (3)
10. When mixed with gin she shows annoyance. (4)
11. Nothing more than five before a Down. (5)
12. Hold up. (6)
13. See 9 Down. (4)
15. Land of lies. (4)
19. A letter from Angora upsets the rest. (5)
20. Put on both ways. (4)
21. The set word may be material you'll find. (7)

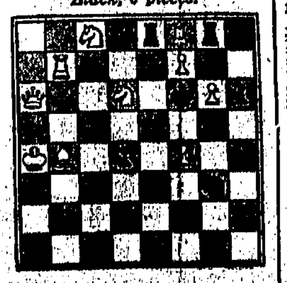
Down

1. Provides us with grub. (8)
2. Let's call them request items. (7)
3. Tear it for a change. (5)
4. She may overtake you. (7)
5. Eaten or drunk? (5)
7. Ring the bell, you'll find him in. (5)
8. Not on the level. (6)
9. Not this one 16 Across. (3)
10. Common animal herb. (7)
13. Marked on a log in more senses than one. (4)
14. Quite close. (4)
16. Piece of turf. (4)
17. I appear to be just down. (5)

Solution of Saturday's puzzle—Across: 1 Down, Evening, 5 Down, Ewer, 10 Down, Ice, 11 Down, Ewe, 12 Down, Ewer, 13 Down, Ewe, 14 Down, Ewe, 15 Down, Ewe, 16 Down, Ewe, 17 Down, Ewe, 18 Down, Ewe, 19 Down, Ewe, 20 Down, Ewe, 21 Down, Ewe.

CHESS PROBLEM

By M. WROBEL
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. B—K4 (threat 2. K—B7 (ch)); 1. ... K×Kt; 2. Q×Kt (ch); 1. ... K×R; 2. Q—Q7 (ch); 1. ... P—Kt4 (to Kt); 2. Q—KR2 (ch).

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Right Discard Way Is A Valuable Trick

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE Mid-South Regional is one of the most important tournaments of the year, so when it begins in New Orleans in a couple of weeks it's a cinch that Mrs W. L. Terry will travel down from her native Memphis to defend the pair championship that she won last year. The hand shown today is one of those that enabled her to win the tournament in 1950.

Mrs Terry, holding the West cards, opened the queen of diamonds. Declarer won with the king of diamonds and looked pleased until he had tried one round of trumps with dummy's ace of hearts. With a normal trump break, South would lose only one club. Now his prospects looked rather bleak.

Undiscouraged, declarer took the top spades, discarding a low club, and ruffed a spade with the six of hearts. He continued by taking the ace of diamonds and ruffed a low diamond with dummy's three of hearts. Then he led dummy's last spade and ruffed in his hand with the king of hearts.

At this point Mrs Terry had three trumps and a worthless club. Which card should she discard on declarer's high ruff?

Mrs Terry came up with the right answer by discarding the eight of hearts. Now she still had a trump trick, and her partner still had a club trick.

If West discards the worthless club, declarer makes his slam contract. When he then leads a club, West has nothing but trumps and is therefore obliged to ruff. She must then lead away from her jack-nine of trumps, thus losing her trump trick.

NORTH (D) 12
♠AK54
♥AQ43
♦54
♣AK7

WEST	EAST
♠Q73	♠J10952
♥J985	♥None
♦QJ10	♦98632
♣652	♣QJ10

SOUTH
♠6
♥K10762
♦AK7
♣9843

Neither side vul.

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦Q

CARD Sense

Q—With East-West vulnerable, the bidding is:

West	North	East	South
1 Heart	Pass	Pass	?

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-8, Hearts Q-6-5-3, Diamonds A-Q, Clubs A-10-9-7. What do you do?

A—**Bid one no-trump. This shows about the same as an opening bid of one no-trump, and guarantees a stopper in the enemy's suit. You suspect, of course, that your partner has a weak hand, but it is highly probable that your side can make a part score and very possible that your side can make a game.**

INTELLIGENCE TEST

ZEBRA

By T. O. HARE

Colonel Bigbore's recent shooting expedition to Kenya comprised seven guns in all. A number of competitive shoots were arranged; at one of these points were awarded on the following basis: Hippo, 5; Giraffe, 4; Lion, 3; Zebra, 2; Antelope, 1.

This was a keenly contested affair; so keenly contested, indeed, that each of the seven competitors bagged four beasts, and each of them scored the same number of points, though their seven bags were all different. Mrs. Popham and her husband bagged five zebra between them, though they were disappointed at securing only one lion. This was shot by Popham.

What was Mrs. Popham's bag?

(Solution on Page 10)

• BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

A STATISTICIAN says that only two in every hundred people have singing voices. And the gent in the bathtub won't believe it.

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In a certain school tea is served to students during exams.

Worry does a perfect job of getting you nothing but more of the same.

Check Your Knowledge

1. For what is a Geiger counter used?
2. How many storeys had Noah's Ark?
3. Where and what is Charles' Wain?
4. In which college is Tom Quad?
5. What kind of letter is a "Collins"?
6. Which town held "the gorgeous East in fee"?

(Answers on Page 10)

★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

Perennial Perfection

Classic crepe dress.

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

PURE silk crepe in gleaming black is used for a hardy perennial that is at home anywhere, any time, any season, and in any wardrobe. The collar flows gracefully above the high-place bodice pockets. The cuffs of the short sleeves are buttoned down with silver disk buttons like those at the closing. The skirt is four gored. To repeat—fine fabric, softened classic lines, perfect cut and smart simplicity are always in style.

It May Be Traced To The Expectant Mother

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE question of why some few children should be born with bodily deformities has always aroused great interest both among the public and the profession.

Of late years, much attention has been focused on this problem and a number of scientists believe they have found at least one answer—German measles in the expectant mother.

On the basis of a questionnaire sent out to 82 mothers concerning 84 babies, it was found that congenital abnormalities were present in 67 percent of the babies when German measles occurred in the mother during the first three months of pregnancy. It was also found that these deformities were present in 42 percent of the babies when German measles occurred during the second three-month period of pregnancy. It was noted that German measles had no effect on the baby when it occurred in the mother during the last three months of pregnancy.

Types of Abnormality

The types of abnormality which appeared in the children were congenital heart disease, cataract of the eye, malformed teeth, deafness, and even mental deficiency. Many times, miscarriages or stillbirths attributed to other causes, were actually found to be due to German measles in the expectant mother.

A study was carried out to determine possible means of preventing the occurrence of German measles in expectant mothers. Concentrated gamma globulin and pooled plasma have recently been used as a preventive when it was found that the pregnant woman had been exposed to German measles.

Method Probably Valueless

However, this method of prevention is probably valueless once symptoms of the disease have developed, because the virus that causes the disease has very likely reached the unborn baby by that time.

The highest incidence of German measles occurs during April and May. Because of this, it might be of value to advise expectant mothers to avoid contact with children and other persons who might have been exposed to German measles.

THE OTHER BIRD
For The New Year

Take a young goose, prepare it for roasting and stuff it in the following manner. About a quarter of a pound of breadcrumbs, a quarter of a pound of sausage meat, the liver, chopped, and a handful of olives stoned and cut in half, a spoonful of anchovy butter and a little chopped parsley.

All this should be well seasoned with salt, pepper, a little nutmeg, mixed together and bound with one egg.

Before stuffing the goose, sprinkle the inside with a little lemon juice, stuff it, close the opening and wrap the bird with very thin slices of pork fat.

Roast, basting often, and half an hour before the end remove the slices of fat, so that the goose becomes nicely coloured.

Serve with potatoes baked in the goose fat. The gravy must remain as it is, not be spoilt by the addition of anything else. Remove excess of fat if necessary. This fat is delicious and can be used in cooking.

The time of cooking for an average bird is two and a half hours, beginning with a hot oven and reducing to moderate.

Anchovy Butter

This is simply done by chopping and pounding fillets of anchovy in oil and working in well the same quantity (or a little more if the anchovies are very salt) of butter.

Sensible Fashion

Shirt and skirt.

By VERA WINSTON

THE skirt and shirt costume, beloved for years of the college girl and the young careerist, has taken a firm hold with most women and the stores are just filled with delightful examples of this sensible fashion. This shirt is of beige and white checked flannel with raglan, push-up sleeves a small, neatly buttoned-over band collar and a pearl button closing. It is shown with a modified peg-top skirt of fine brown tweed with covered buttons on the front closing and one side pleat to ease the otherwise pencil-slim line.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

No Houses For Caterpillars!

—They Feel Much Safer Back in the Garden—

By MAX TRELL

ARCHIBALD and Clarence, the two caterpillars, found a tiny crack under the door of the house. They both stopped and looked at each other.

"Archibald," said Clarence, "I think we ought to go in."

"Clarence," said Archibald, "that's just what I think. I've never been inside a....whatever this is."

"It's a house," said Clarence. "It's where people live."

"Really?" said Archibald.

"At least," said Clarence, "I think they live here. I keep seeing them going in and coming out."

"How," said Archibald, "do they manage to crawl through this crack under the door? People are pretty big."

Stupid Caterpillar

"Archibald," said Clarence, "you are a stupid caterpillar. People don't crawl under doors. They open the doors and walk in. Or they open the doors and walk out. But let's go in and see what this house looks like. Perhaps we should live in a house instead of in a tree."

"Perhaps you're right," said Archibald.

So they both crawled under the door.

They found themselves in a large room with a stove, and shelves, and pots and pans, and cupboards, and boxes and jars and cans of fruits and groceries.

"Now what, Clarence," said Archibald as he looked around, "do you think they do in here?"

At that moment the lady who lived in the house came into the kitchen and set a kettle of water on the stove to boil. In a few minutes steam began pouring out of the spout of the kettle.

Archibald looked at Clarence, and Clarence looked at Archibald.

"Clarence," whispered Archibald, "this is the place where they burn water!"

"Archibald," whispered Clarence, "let us get out of here as fast as we can before they burn us!"

Fine Big Room

So they crawled into the next room. This was a fine big room with a table and chairs and pictures on the walls and curtains and books and a desk. But the most wonderful thing in the room was a large brown carpet.

"My," said Archibald, as he stepped on the soft carpet, "this is the most curious thing I have ever seen. Look, Clarence, the people who live in this house have brown grass growing on their floor."

"Very strange," agreed Clarence. "How fine and short it is."

"They must mow it very often," said Archibald.

Hardly had the words left Archibald's mouth when the lady of the house entered the room pushing something in front of her. It was a vacuum cleaner. Only Archibald and Clarence had never seen a vacuum cleaner.

"Look!" cried Archibald. "She's going to mow the lawn now!"

"She's pushing in the lawnmower!" shouted Clarence.

Then the lady of the house clicked a switch. An enormous noise came out of the lawnmower. But worse than that Archibald and Clarence felt a great wind around their legs.

Wind From Lawn-Mower

"The wind from that lawnmower is trying to suck us in!" yelled Archibald.

"Run for your life!" yelled Clarence to Archibald.

"Run for your life!" yelled Clarence.

Then Archibald and Clarence ran with all their legs into the next room.

"Ah," said Clarence, "this is better—much, much better."

"It certainly is," said Archibald. "This is the kind of a room I like!"

They looked around. All along the window were plants and flowers standing in little red clay pots. They were pretty and green and fresh and comfortable, especially for two caterpillars.

"This," said Clarence, "must be the room they keep for visitors like us."

"Clarence," said Archibald, "I'm sure you are right. The people who live in this house have put out these plants for us to nibble on. And, to tell you the truth, I am good and hungry." So, without another moment's delay, Archibald and Clarence climbed up to the flowers-pots and started nibbling the leaves.

But alas! The lady of the house discovered them and threw them out.

"Humph," said Clarence. "Humph," grumbled Archibald. But they were both glad to be out in a real garden once more!

RICHELIEU'S CLAIM ON MAYONNAISE

Count Richelieu is credited with the invention of Sauce Bayonnaise centuries ago in the city of Bayonne. Tongue-slipping peoples changed the name to mayonnaise.

Homemade mayonnaise has a special appeal and a variety of possible flavours but in our time-pressed days, the commercial varieties serve on occasion and may be spiked with a bit of lemon, mustard, herbs, crisp minced vegetables and nuts for variety. Creamed cheese, cottage cheese and whipped cream lend lightness and fluffiness.

The late Louis P. De Gouy, famous chef of world renown, in "The Salad Book," gives his favourite recipe for mayonnaise as follows:

Famous Mayonnaise

Ingredients — One-half teaspoon prepared mustard, ½ teaspoon granulated sugar, few grains of cayenne, few grains of salt, 1 egg yolk, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 tablespoon strained lemon juice, 1 cup olive oil.

Have the eggs "positively fresh." The oil and egg should be at room temperature. Sift the first four ingredients into a bowl; add the egg yolk, mix thoroughly and pour in the vinegar while stirring constantly. Add 2 teaspoons oil at a time, while beating thoroughly and constantly. When very thick add remaining oil rapidly. If the mixture curdles, beat with an additional tablespoon of water, vinegar or lemon juice until it becomes smooth again. Yield: 1 cup mayonnaise.

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THIS COMPLEXED SKIN

Special care for special skin. An oily complexion with under-nourished tissues needs a heavy creaming comes bedtime.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THERE is one type of complexion that requires special attention, a little extra care that differs from the general rules suitable for treatment of oily, dry, or normal skins. It is the oily surface with under-nourished tissues. Usually the "oilies" shun creams, but in such a case a soothing emollient is necessary.

Treatment consists of the application of a heavy massage cream at bedtime, together with brisk massage. The patting and moulding must be continued until the flesh glows. That will show the suppliant for more loveliness that the blood streams are rushing forth with good groceries for cells that have become more or less depleted. No rotary movements that may stretch the skin, but a brisk slapping and tapping. Some women fear massage and well they might: heavy-handedness can make weak tissues weaker, while quick, brisk strokes will make them stronger, the flesh more solid.

The cream should remain on overnight. In the morning dash on cold water; nothing like it to revitalise facial fibres that have lost tone. After a gentle drying an astringent or tonic lotion should be applied. Have it ice-cold, put it on with pledgets of cotton; let it dry.

The daily use of a nourishing cream and an astringent will not only correct oiliness eventually, but will tone relaxed fibres, keep the skin in condition, have an excellent effect upon texture and colouring.

Many women use cosmetics that are not suitable for their needs. A good way to solve that problem is to have a facial treatment at a reliable beauty shop. Operators who do this line of work go through long training. They learn about tissues, muscles and nerves of the facial areas. They're ever ready with advice and suggestions. Then, too, the treatment is well worth the money. The skin has a rousing cleansing and the manipulations of experienced fingers recondition the complexion.

Rupert and the Lion Rock—21

Passing the smaller island, the vessel drops anchor in the lee of a rocky reef running out from the largest of the group. The skipper orders one of the men to lower the boat and row him to shore, but the third man immediately joins them, and declares firmly that he is not going to be left behind, and that he is going to keep an eye on the others. "Good," whispers Rupert. "If they all go there'll be no one to keep an eye on us. Perhaps I can think of a plan yet."

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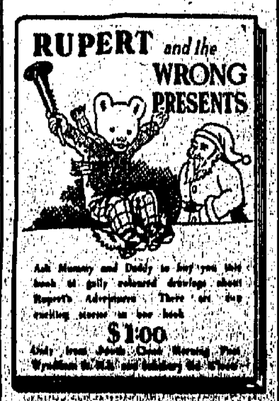

PANDAS BEAT MADCAPS TO BREAK UP A SEVEN-ALL DEADLOCK

By "GRANDSTAND"

A thunder of applause from hundreds of leather-throated Panda fans greeted Wally Mar when he scampered over the plate for the winning run to break up a 7-all deadlock against the Madcaps in the seventh inning of yesterday's crucial tussle of the "A" Division Softball League.

In the minor loop scuffles, Delawares suffered a setback in their pennant quest when the Rexes nosed them out 4-3, while Blue Sox pulled the game out of the fire in the final innings by shading the Dodgers 5-3.

Wahoos and Squaws swamped South China and Pooi To respectively in the Ladies' League with lopsided scores of 18-0 and 17-2, as the winners practically hit the opposing hurlers at will to register a flock of batshits.

PANDAS 8—MADCAPS 7

Long before game time, fans of both the Pandas and Madcaps had occupied every vantage point in the bleachers and the surrounding hill-side, and they were not disappointed as the two squads battled through seven electrifying innings before the Pandas grabbed the verdict in the final chapter.

Jackie Wei of the Pandas handled the mound chore for the winners for the whole route while Kelly Silva-Netto, who toed the rubber for the losers, was relieved by Joey Graca in the seventh when he allowed the tieing run to get on base on a wild heave.

Wei allowed five safe hits while Silva-Netto was nicked for eight blows, four of them being bunched up in the initial frame for a three-run splurge which matched the Madcap lead in their half of the first stanza.

Neither side could score further in the next encounter, although the Pandas had a chance with a runner on first base, but an unsuccessful steal attempt resulted in a double-play which erased the threat.

A safe-hit sandwiched by a couple of fielding errors allowed the Madcaps to draw ahead in the third inning while two timely singles in the fifth frame increased the lead by four runs.

Fighting back in their half of the fifth, the Pandas notched up three tallies when Wally Mar drew a pass to first base to spark an uprising which included hits by Y. Y. Liang, Y. S. Liang and a sacrifice bunt by C. Y. Lo.

The Pandas tried for the equaliser in the sixth when Lee Pun-hong beat out a bunt and stole second, but in a close play at third base on another attempted steal, Madcap hot-corner guardian Edo Almeida put the ball on him to nullify the effort.

HOWLED HOARSE

With a record mob of Pandas fans howling themselves hoarse for a last ditch stand, Jackie Wei dropped a bunt which was thrown wild and the tieing run was on second base without any outs.

Staking all chances of a Madcap victory on a change in pace, mentor Buster Hollands waved tiring Silva-Netto off the hill and replaced him by fast-baller Joey Graca, but the fireman's arm was still cold and walked Wally Mar who faced him next.

With two runners on base, Hollands signalled for a cutoff play on second base on a sure steal, but Roberto Nunes, who guarded the keystone, hesitated on the gamble and the winning run was in scoring position.

Y. Y. Leung lifted a fly to left field to nudge Wei over the plate and when Y. S. Leung slashed out a grounder, pandemonium broke loose as Wally Mar dented the rubber for the winning run.

Lee Pun-hong, who recently switched from slugger to bunt artist, collected full marks for his efforts with three perfect dumps out of each of any fielder, while Rene Sequeira pasted the horsehide for three solid whacks in four times at bat.

Y. Y. Leung of the Pandas also deserves honourable mention for his two timely singles and his clutch grounder which chased in the tie-breaker.

Earlier in the morning, the Canucks failed to field a full team of nine players and the points were forfeited to the Braves.

LADIES' LEAGUE

Wahoos dished out an 18-0 shellacking to the South China gals in which moundstress Terry Noronha had the opposition eating out of her hands.

The only Caroliner to reach first base was K. Y. Wong who nicked Terry for a single to spoil what might have been a perfect display.

Round-trippers were clouted by Sheila Collaco and Irene Starkey, while Terry Noronha contributed to the Owls' triumph with three solid hits in five times at bat. Gracie Archer was also credited with two singles.

Patsy McDonald, who has been signed up before the Christmas Holidays, was not yet eligible to play, but will be seen in a return to the diamond behind the batter to back up former battery mate Terry Noronha in future games.

The Squaws also massacred Pooi To to the tune of 17-2 in the mid-day game yesterday to retain the current leadership in the distaff loop.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GAMES

A triple play registered by the Delawares against the Rexes was poor consolation for the 4-3 noseout suffered, with the result that their hopes to remain in a challenging position against the leading Hawks faded.

Opposing hurlers A. K. Ismail and Terry Lucido pitched good games and the score was still knotted at one-all after four innings of play. In the sixth chapter Delawares forged ahead with a lone tally, but the Rexes staged a last inning rally which reversed the decision.

A. K. Ismail of the Rexes led off in their final stand with a rousing single, while Ditta's fielder's choice found Ismail crossing the plate with the tieing run.

Terry Lucido fumbled the next batted ball and a subsequent toss to centre-field which was muffed by Tony Rodrigues paved the way for a scoring spree when Y. Tipe lashed out a single.

A Ditta clouted the only home-run of the game in the second inning, while A. M. Wahab, Y. Tipe (Rexes) and Peter Low (Delawares) were good for two hits each.

The triple-play recorded in the books occurred when the Rexes had runners on second and third. A sacrifice bunt back-fired when Terry Lucido held the runner at third and relayed to Jackie Silva for the first putout. Silva's rifle peg to the plate found Joaquim Collaco nailing the runner from third, followed by a peg across the diamond for the triple-killing.

Blue Sox shaded Dodgers 5-3 when they turned the tables with a fifth inning uprising which netted them a trio of markers, sparked by Tony Rey's single after J. Reis drew a walk and was sacrificed into scoring position by Bobby Heng with a neat bunt.

Despite the margin of difference of 14-6, the Bantams put up a good fight before bowing to the Griffins. The two outfits shared 16 hits, the best performances being Kubla with a three-base blow and Mullins with a two in two. Cooper of the Bantams and M. Yusuf of the Griffins were the two opposing hurlers.

NEW YEAR FARE

The New Year's programme will feature the annual classic between the Ladies and the combined Council and Press side which will take place at the Association's ground at King's Park tomorrow at 2.00 p.m.

This game has always been a popular event with the ushering in of the New Year, and the participants this year will be garbed in fanciful attire again, with Alec Braga in charge of arrangements.

The Ladies' side comprises the following: Alex Mendonca, Elsie Thompson, Chan Shui-ying, Betty Wang, Chan Oi-chung, Stella Correa, Catherine Remedios, Nana Carvalho, Benita Remedios, May Wu, Choi Moi-ying and Lee Yue-mei.

Immediately after this game, the 1950 edition of the Blackhawks, who won the Junior Championship for that year, will meet the Pandas in a friendly exhibition.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SENIOR "A" DIVISION

Pandas	8	Madcaps	7
Braves	7	Canucks	0

SENIOR "B" DIVISION

Red Sox	11	Baseballers	8

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Blue Sox	5	Dodgers	3
Rexes	4	Delawares	3
Griffins	14	Bantams	6
Pandas	10	South China	2

LADIES' LEAGUE

Wahoos	18	South China	0
Squaws	17	Pooi To	2

CANDIDATES FOR THE INTERPORT TEAM

This is the Rest of the Colony team that beat the Combined Services in the feature match of the hockey exhibition series in aid of the Olympic Fund a week ago. All of them will be considered by the Selectors for the Interport team against Macao.

They are:

Standing: A. L. Nery, A. A. Remedios, W. A. Reed, S. N. Ponniah, Bhagat Singh and J. B. Gonsalves.

Seated (the forward line): B. T. Gosano, E. Fowler, G. N. Gosano, A. Marques and M. Yusuf.— China Mail Photo.

This Could Be Arsenal's Year Again For The Championship

Says DENNIS HART

London.

Is this to be Arsenal's year again? At present they are lying third to Manchester United in the League table, two points behind.

Should the Arsenal win the championship this season, they will have gained the honour more times than any other club. At present they are joint holders of this record with Aston Villa, each having been champions six times.

If their performance against Bolton was any criterion we shall be seeing their name at the top of the table when the season ends.

In convincing fashion they defeated the northerners, who have themselves headed the table for several weeks, by four goals to two.

Defeat in their previous match at Newcastle, which ended a run of five victories, did not worry Arsenal. Getting into their stride from the kick-off, they were always on top, even when Lishman's first minute goal was equalised by Moir after ten minutes.

ALL-ROUND STRENGTH

And again it was their all-round strength which proved the deciding factor. Their defence, if not quite the solid rock of recent seasons, is still one of the best in the country, and capable of holding most forward lines.

Against Bolton, it was reshuffled slightly owing to injury to Lionel Smith, their international back.

This brought in John Chenhall, playing his second game of the season. At first he was a little uncertain in his playing of Langton, Bolton's international outside left. However as the game progressed, he gained confidence, and with assistance from right half Forbes, finished the game playing confidently.

Strength in the half-back line was as usual a determining factor in Arsenal's success. The dynamic strong-tackling Alex Forbes on the right flank, and the evergreen master of soccer Joe Mercer on the other, are a pair of wing halves who must be the envy of many a club.

In between them was young Welsh international Ray Daniel who has so ably taken over the centre half role from Leslie Compton. He may not yet be the best in the country but if he continues to progress as he has done this season he soon will be.

With this support, the Arsenal attack is indeed formidable. They certainly do not need the strip of luminous green paint, behind each net—Arsenal's latest effort to beat the mid-winter afternoon gloom—to show them the way to goal.

They gave the Bolton defence a run for their money, and the 53,390 crowd value for theirs.

CHIEF DANGER MAN

Chief danger man, was Arthur Milton, their young outside right. After seeing him against Fulham three weeks ago, I wrote that it would be unfair if this most improved winger in the league were rushed into big-time international soccer too soon.

Milton's possession of the ball always spelt danger for Bolton, and his carefully placed centres were gratefully received by Doug. Lishman, Arsenal's inside left, who completed his fourth hat-trick of the season —three of them in successive games at Highbury.

Although he did not have a great game against Bolton, the England selectors, who in picking Jackie Sewell of Sheffield Wednesday have shown a liking for opportunists, could do a lot worse than give Lishman a chance.

THE ARCHITECT

As usual the architect behind Arsenal's forward line was diminutive Jimmy Logie, whose international claims are constantly overlooked by the Scottish selectors.

In the first half especially, he had the Bolton defence going all ways with his brilliant dribble and clever passing. That he faded a little in the second half, was due to the heavy going, and the close marking of Bolton left-half Edwards.

Gillies, the Bolton centre half, understudying injured International Barrass, played well against burly Arsenal leader Cliff Holton, and it was to his credit that Barrass was not missed a great deal.

Of the Bolton forwards, international leader Nat Lofthouse strived hard to get his line going and showed many of the touches which make him first choice for England.

But Bolton's big fault was in holding the ball too close. Moir, at inside left, could rarely shake off the attentions of Mercer, although he did score Bolton's equaliser from a pass by Lofthouse made after a run down the left wing.

Arsenal scored a second through Lishman before half time, and led at the interval by two goals to one.

In the second half they added two more goals. Lishman completed his own hat-trick with a header which gave Holton no chance, and Roper, playing better than he has done for some time, collected the fourth with a screaming 25-yard drive.

Bolton's second, quarter of an hour before the end, was scored by Webster, and again Lofthouse was the engineer. But try as they might Bolton could not break through again.

They need not, however, be discouraged by this defeat. They will not have to meet Arsenal every week and they will play worse than this and still collect two points.

THE TEAMS

Arsenal: Swindin; Chenhall, Barnes; Forbes, Daniel, Mercer; Milton, Logie, Holton, Lishman, Roper.

Bolton: Hanson; Ball, Higgins; Wheeler, Gillies, Edwards; Codd, Moir, Lofthouse, Webster, Langton.

—(London Express Service)

FRENCH BEAT THE KIWIS

Bordeaux, Dec. 30.

France today defeated the New Zealand Rugby League touring side by 17 points (four goals, three tries) to seven points (two goals, one try) to win their "Test" series by 2-0. — Reuter.

Slump In Soccer Gates

London, Dec. 30.

A slump in attendances reminiscent of the drop in first-class cricket gates last season in Britain is beginning to hit Britain's soccer league football.

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Those who direct soccer league affairs are beginning to be perturbed and, taking a leaf out of the book of the MCC officials, are now studying ways and means of brightening up the programme and reviving a flagging general public interest.

Statistics prove that only Tottenham, the League champions, Newcastle, the Football Association Cup holders, and the evergreen Arsenal, appear to be enjoying the support that characterised the 1948-49 and the 1949-50 seasons.

Clubs like Aston Villa, Liverpool, Manchester United, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Leicester and Leeds all have to report, despite effective enough play on the field, a decrease in attendances.

Some critics, influenced by Britain's showing in recent international and continental games, argue that the attendance slump is the expected and direct sequel to a general disposition of League players not to play with full fervour and enthusiasm in the routine games.

These critics quote the brilliant ball control and short passing manoeuvres of the Austrian team, which held England to a draw recently at Wembley, as a main point in their argument.

Why, they ask, cannot British league players emulate the enthusiastic Austrians in league football?

But shrewd judges, fully conversant with football technique and outlook, agree with Matt Busby, the manager of Manchester United, who has matched his former prowess on the field with a telling discernment in the board room, that the Austrians, despite their impressive display at Wembley, have still lots to learn from British football, than Britain has to learn from them.—Reuter.

Derek Pugh Will Miss Olympics

London, Dec. 30.

Derek Pugh, the British Quarter Mile Champion and European 400 Metres titleholder, will not be able to run in the Olympic Games at Helsinki.

Pugh, who has had infantile paralysis, is making good progress, but the doctors attending him state that there is no question of his being able to run during 1952.—Reuter.

Home Soccer Standings

London, Dec. 30.

The following are the Football League standings after yesterday's matches:

First Division

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	Pts.
Manchester Un.	26	14	6	6	58	38	34
Portsmouth	25	14	6	5	45	28	33
Arsenal	26	13	6	7	51	37	32
Preston N.E.	26	13	6	7	50	36	31
Newcastle	25	12	6	7	54	44	30
Tottenham	26	13	4	9	49	41	30
Bolton	25	13	4	8	41	33	30
Liverpool	26	9	11	6	39	34	29
Charlton	27	12	5	10	49	46	29
Villa	26	11	6	9	44	45	28
Manchester C.	25	11	5	9	41	37	27
Blackpool	26	10	6	10	48	45	26
Wolves	24	9	7	8	53	41	25
Derby	25	10	5	10	45	44	25
Burnley	23	8	8	7	38	37	24
West Brom	25	7	8	10	33	39	22
Chelsea	26	8	6	12	38	44	21
Sunderland	24	7	6	11	39	43	20
Stoke	26	8	3	15	35	59	19
Middlesbro'	24	6	4	14	37	57	16
Fulham	26	4	8	14	30	53	16
Huddersfield	26	4	5	17	30	56	13

Second Division

Sheffield W.	26	15	6	7	61	43	36
Birmingham	26	13	8	5	37	20	34
Cardiff	25	13	7	5	43	25	33
Rotherham	25	13	4	8	38	44	30
Sheffield U.	25	12	5	8	40	43	29
Notts F.	25	10	9	7	49	41	29
Brentford	26	11	7	8	31	24	29
Luton	25	10	8	7	45	39	28
Leicester	25	10	7	8	50	40	27
Leeds	25	10	7	8	36	36	27
Barnsley	23	9	8	6	40	41	26
Doncaster	26	8	9	9	36	34	25
Everton	26	9	7	10	39	45	25
Notts C.	26	10	4	12	40	42	24
West Ham	26	9	6	11	38	38	24
Southampton	26	8	7	11	37	40	23
Bury	25	8	6	11	44	50	22
Swansea	26	8	6	11	43	50	21
Coventry	25	8	4	13	37	50	20
Blackburn R.	23	8	3	14	28	41	19
Queen's P.R.	25	5	9	11	33	54	19
Hull C.	26	6	6	14	34	44	18

Third Division, Southern

Plymouth	24	16	4	6	52	30	36
Brighton	25	16	2	7	49	34	34
Norwich	25	13	7	5	47	28	33
Reading	24	14	2	8	35	27	30
Millwall	24	11	8	5	30	20	30
Northampton	24	13	3	8	50	36	29
Bristol R.	24	10	6	8	47	37	26
Southend	24	11	4	7	37	28	26
Swindon	24	9	10	5	34	29	28
Newport	23	11	4	8	41	44	26
Bournemouth	24	9	7	8	37	29	25
Leyton Orient	25	10	5	10	33	33	25
Colchester	24	8	6	8	34	46	22
Watford	24	8	8	8	33	40	24
Gillingham	24	7	7	10	43	40	21
Bristol C.	24	7	7	10	36	38	21
Torquay Utd.	25	8	5	12	40	57	21
Palace	24	9	2	13	36	44	20
Walsall	25	8	3	14	28	51	19
Ipswich Town	24	8	2	14	34	49	18
Aldershot	24	7	3	14	32	49	17
Shrewsbury	25	7	3	15	37	57	17
Exeter City	24	6	4	14	35	52	16
Port Vale	25	3	10	12	21	41	16

Third Division, Northern

Lincoln City	24	15	4	5	57	37	34
Stockport	25	13	7	5	35	19	33
Oldham	23	12	7	4	39	21	31
Gateshead	24	12	6	6	39	23	30
Carlisle	24	12	6	6	35	28	30
Grimsby	24	12	5	7	42	27	29
Mansfield	25	12	5	8	43	37	29
Bradford	24	11	4	9	41	32	26
Barrow	24	10	6	8	32	28	26
Bradford City	24	10	5	9	32	30	25
Hartlepools	26	11	3	12	42	41	25
Southport	24	9	7	8	30	34	25
York City	24	10	4	10	37	31	24
Crewe Alexandra	25	9	6	10	36	46	24
Chesterfield	24	7	8	9	31	39	22
Scunthorpe	24	7	8	9	38	46	22
Tranmere	26	9	4	13	34	52	22
Rochdale	24	7	6	11	28	39	20
Wrexham	25	8	2	14	39	53	18
Chester	23	6	3	14	30	44	15
Workington	24	5	3	16	30	41	13
Accrington	24	5	6	13	35	50	16
Darlington	26	5	5	16	37	63	15
Halifax Town	25	4	6	15	31	51	14

Scottish Division "A"

Hibernian	17	11	4	2	50	18	26
East Fife	18	11	3	4	45	33	25
Hearts	17	10	3	4	46	27	23
Rangers	14	8	4	2	29	13	20
Aberdeen	16	6	5	5	37	32	17
Partick	17	6	4	7	34	31	16
Dundee	15	6	3	6	28	27	15
Queen O's	17	5	5	7	25	33	15
Celtic	15	5	5	5	24	28	15
Raith	17	6	3	8	27	32	15
St Mirren	17	5	4	8	28	35	14
Morton	16	6	2	10	31	36	14
Motherwell	15	5	3	7	25	30	13
Third Lanark	17	4	4	9	26	31	12
Airdrie	17	5	2	10	30	46	12
Stirling	17	4	3	10	29	49	11

Scottish Division "B"

Clyde	16	12	3	1	57	24	27
Falkirk	16	8	7	1	41	19	23
Ayr	17	10	3	4	30	20	23
Dundee	17	10	2	5	44	30	22
Dunfermline	16	9	2	5	40	31	20
Dumbarton	17	6	5	6	30	27	17
Alloa	17	7	3	7	29	26	17
Cowdenbeath	17	6	5	6	35	44	17
Kilmarnock	17	7	1	9	30	40	15
Hamilton	17	6	2	9	28	32	14
Stenhousemuir	17	4	5	8	29	39	13
Forfar	16	5	3	8	22	40	12
Albion	16	4	4	8	25	31	12
Queen's Park	16	5	2	9	19	36	12
St Johnstone	16	4	3	9	34	36	11
Arbroath	17	3	2	12	29	49	8

—Reuter.

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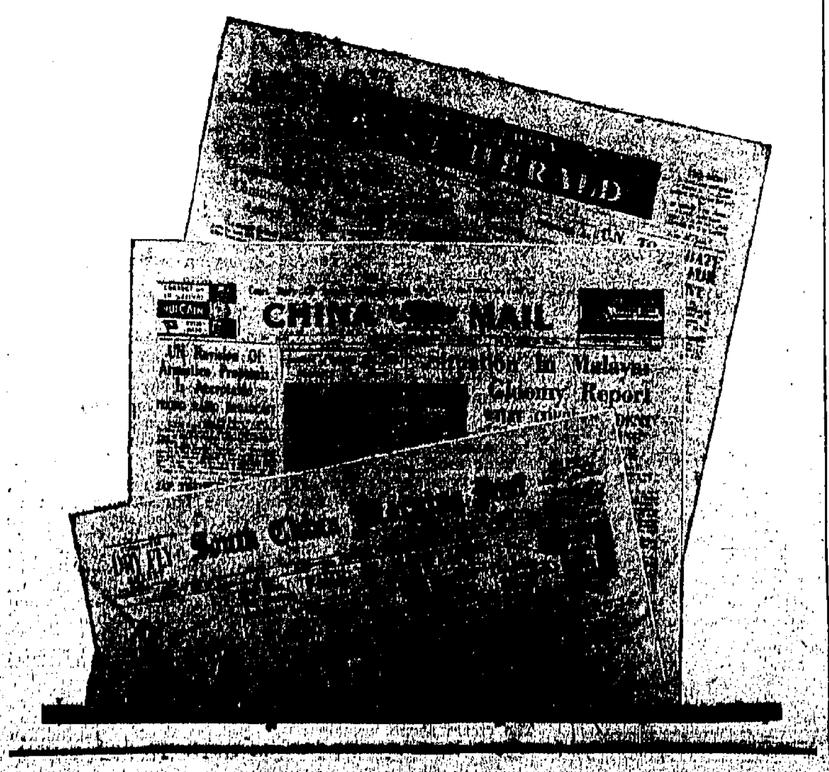

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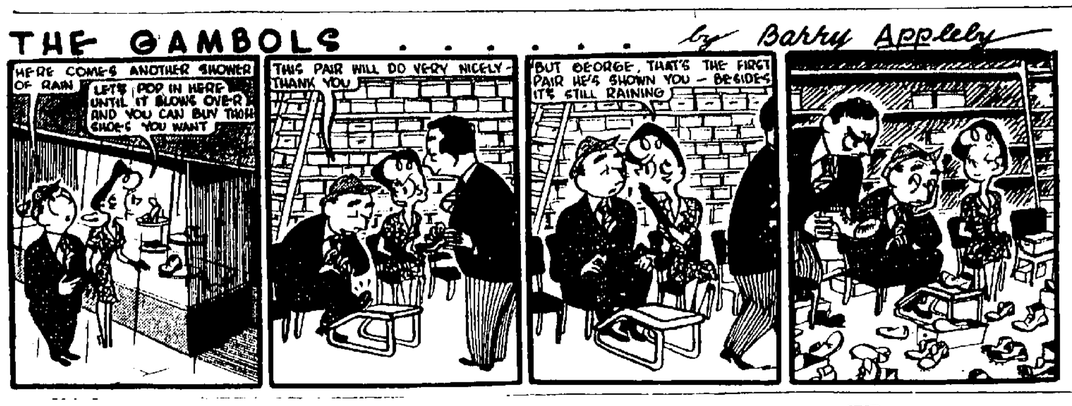

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The First Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club for the 1952 Racing Season will be held tomorrow at the valley.

There are 10 events on the programme, the most important of which are the two sections of the New Year Handicap for Australian Ponies Class 2 over the Champion distance.

The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will begin at 12.00 noon sharp. The tiffin interval will come after the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

FIRST RACE

Hunghom Bay Handicap (First Section).—Six Furlongs.

The opening race of the season is a sprint event confined to Australian Ponies Class 7. The ponies are to be ridden by approved riders who have not won ten races at any time, anywhere.

The Kam Lung (Mr. H. H. Chan) came third in the Autumn Handicap (Third Section) over the two mile post at the 11th Race Meeting with Mr. Kwok up, and on that performance should have a good chance of winning.

As far as I can see, its only real danger will come from Southeast Wind (Mr. Auchmuty) which was officially fourth in this same race.

Dawn (Mr. Copplin) was a disappointment the last time out, but may redeem itself tomorrow afternoon over this distance.

Souvenir (Mr. C. A. Lee) and Air Power (Mr. P. K. Laang) are another two ponies which can be relied on to do well here.

SECOND RACE

New Year Handicap (First Section) 1¼ Miles.

In this race for the First Section of Australian Ponies Class 2, Chief Pilot (Mr. Chun Kit) has been given top weight of 159 lbs. and on that account I am going to rule it out of my reckoning.

In view of its second placing behind Straight Flush in the Clarence Handicap (First Section) over Six Furlongs at the last meeting, Big Shot (Mr. F. Noodt) has to carry 5 lbs. more (i.e. 152 lbs). I don't think the extra weight will be severe enough to hamper its chance of winning.

Century (Mr. Ostroumoff) and Harvest Field (Mr. Kwok), should also receive consideration, especially the latter, which has won a race at the last meeting over this distance for Class 4 Australian Ponies. It is exceptionally fit at the moment and I think it is quite possible it may cause an upset.

Mr. Renfrew will be entrusted with the task of riding L'arc Triomphe and it is not to be ignored as an outsider only.

THIRD RACE

Hunghom Bay Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to Class 7 Australian Ponies, Second Section.

I like the chances of National Glory (Mr. Kwok), Eleanor (Mr. F. Noodt), Iron Mask (Mr. Robert Tsai), Roue D'or (Mr. S. W. Tang) and Powerhouse (Mr. Renfrew).

National Glory won the Dairy Handicap (First Section) from the 1-1/2 Mile Post at the 11th Race Meeting. On that performance it was promoted to this class. As it is now in splendid condition, I think it will just about do it again.

Eleanor and Iron Mask are well suited for this distance and should have a say at the finish.

Roue D'or and Powerhouse are carrying 146 and 136 lbs. respectively and they may quite conceivably cause an upset.

FOURTH RACE

Gin Drinkers Bay Handicap (First Section); 1¼ Miles.

This race will be contested by First Section Australian Ponies Class 5.

Ringway (Mr. F. Noodt) won the Lyndhurst Handicap (Third Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting for Class 6 Australian Ponies and has the best recommendation for a win here. I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Fleetmaster (Mr. Kwok), which was third in the Rednaxela Handicap (First Section), with Mr. Tseng up at the last meeting.

Chinese Mackerel (Mr. C. F. Ng) is also a danger here as it is quite capable of extending the field.

V. I. P. will be piloted by Mr. Boycott and for those who prefer an outsider, this combination is worth following.

FIFTH RACE

Clear Water Bay Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This sprint race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 6. Ponies that have won more than $2,500 in stakes since 1st January, 1951, are barred.

I think the finish will be fought out between Mabel (Mr. Oliveira), Penforce (Mr. T. L. Wong), Robin Hood (M. Kwok), Sparkling Eyes (Mr. Renfrew) and Mastery (Mr. Ostroumoff).

Mabel will be carrying 154 lbs. but this ought not to be too severe a handicap, as it will be remembered that this pony came second in the Lama Handicap (Second Section) at the 10th Race Meeting over the mile.

Penforce must be considered in view of its second placing in the Lyndhurst Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting ridden by Mr. Mok.

Robin Hood recently knocked from Class 5 is long good track work in the morning and should give a good account of itself against the above two ponies in this race.

Sparkling Eyes is not bad for this distance, although it will have to perform much better to beat the other ponies.

Mastery, on account of its low weight of 135 lbs. should be worth a bet each way.

SIXTH RACE

New Year Handicap (Second Section). 1¼ Miles

This race will be contested by the second lot of Australian Ponies Class 2. In my estimation, the result will be decided between the following: Cracker-jack (Mr. Holgate), Aan Hing (Mr. Oliveira), Barbarian (Mr. Chuang), Adorable Atalanta (Mr. Ostroumoff) and Jeep Lee (Samarcq).

Crackerjack is a greatly improved animal and its second placing behind Fire-glo in the Clarence Handicap (Second Section) over Six Furlongs at the last meeting should provide it with a win here.

On the other hand, Aan Hing is well suited for this distance and will be near at the close.

Barbarian over this distance is quite capable of winning.

Then there is Adorable Atalanta which has been improving over long distance races, and a win here would not be surprising, while Jeep Lee is also a possibility.

SEVENTH RACE

Hunghom Bay Handicap (Third Section):—Six Furlongs.

Third Section Australian Ponies Class 7 will battle for supremacy in this event and among the entries I like the chances of Trade Wind (M. T. L. Wong).

The pony is fighting fit at the moment and on that account alone it should win.

Al Fresco (Mr. Ostroumoff), which was fourth in the Ardrossan Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post at the 11th Race Meeting, is certainly not to be neglected and a win is not entirely out of the reckoning.

Amber is a fast mover and, under the capable handling of Mr. Oliveira, I don't think it should not have a say at the finish.

Glamour Butterfly (Mr. Kwok), is a game fighter and although not as good as the other ponies over sprint races, it should give a good account of itself in this race.

EIGHTH RACE

Mirs Bay Handicap (First Section) One Mile.

This is the First Section of the race for Australian Ponies Class 3, and amongst the entries I like My Darling (Mr. S. W. Tang), the best. This pony is very fit at the moment and won the Coronation Handicap (Second Section) over the Champion distance at the last meeting.

There is Blossom Time (Mr. Renfrew) to be reckoned with, however, as it is quite capable of winning.

Diamond Queen (Mr. Robert Tsai) is good over this distance and will probably extend the above two ponies. Atomic Power (Mr. T. L. Wong) is another candidate quite at home over this distance, and it will not surprise me if it causes an upset here.

NINTH RACE

Mirs Bay Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Second Section Australian Ponies Class 3 and, judging from past performances, Fairy Feet, which will again be taken out by Mr. Oliveira, will probably do better over this distance and a win here is quite possible.

Real opposition should come from V-J Day (Mr. Chanson).

Rose Emme (Mr. Ostroumoff) may prove dangerous, although it failed to gain a place the last time out with Mr. Samarcq up. It is not bad over this distance.

Lily (Mr. B. C. Woo) has regained some of its old form and for those who prefer to take a chance, I recommend keeping an eye on it.

10TH RACE

Gin Drinkers Bay Handicap (Second Section) 1¼ Miles.

This is the last race of the day and will be contested by Second Section Class 5 Australian Ponies.

After its fine win in the Lyndhurst Handicap (Second Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting, Thunderbolt, which will be again ridden by Mr. Lau, seems to be the logical bet and will no doubt be in big demand.

Wonderful Coin (Mr. Holgate) has been showing an improvement and it will probably extend Thunderbolt.

Rowanglen, which will be Mr. Renfrew's mount, has not been in the limelight for some time but it may spring a surprise.

Mr. Kwok will again take out Easy-going, but I don't think it will be dangerous although it came third at the last meeting.

Teddington (Mr. F. Noodt), on account of its light weight of 135 lbs., is a most dangerous contender.

INDIAN TOUR EXPERIENCE NOT A WASTE

London, Dec. 30.

Unless the MCC touring side do a great deal better for the rest of their India tour than they have done so far in India and Pakistan, the British public are likely to write them off as failures.

That is the view of some British cricket writers who admit, however, that whatever the results have been since the tour started, the MCC men have played bright cricket while the experience gained by several will be of great value for England's cricketing future.

It is worth remembering that the tour very nearly fell through and that the side does not claim to be the best eleven in English cricket.

In actual fact, a Test eleven could be picked without considering many, if any, of the men now on tour when recalling that such stars as Hutton, Compton, Edrich, Evans, Bedser, Bailey, Washbrook, Wright, Simpson and May are not in the present party.

It will be interesting to see how many of the tourists get a place in the England team when India are met in England next summer.

Some people think that the tour should have been called off when the established stars had indicated that they were not prepared to go on tour this winter.

But this is no way to "blood" young cricketers. The absence of big names gave a wonderful chance to several youngsters who are, perhaps, placing their feet on the ladder to fame.

Had all the English Test stars gone on this trip, and sailed through match after match, winning with ease, it might not have been a good thing for cricket.

As it is, India, with some sound performances against the present touring team which, after all, does include some front-rank bowlers and batsmen, will come to England in 1952, more eager than ever to test themselves against the best in English cricket.

They will certainly attract more interest than would a team which had been thrashed time after time on their own grounds, which could have occurred if the Huttons, Comptons and the rest had gone out this time.—Reuter.

Racing Tips

By "Rapier"

RACE 1
The Kam Lung
Southeast Wind
Dawn
Outsider:—Air Power.

RACE 2
Harvest Field
Big Shot
Century
Outsider:—L'arc Triomphe

RACE 3
National Glory
Eleanor
Iron Mask
Outsider:—Roue D'or.

RACE 4
Ringway
Fleetmaster
Chinese Mackerel
Outsider:—V.I.P.

RACE 5
Sparkling Eyes
Mabel
Penforce
Outsider:—Robin Hood.

RACE 6
Aan Hing
Crackerjack
Barbarian
Outsider:—Adorable Atalanta

RACE 7
Trade Wind
Amber
Al Fresco
Outsider:—Glamour Butterfly.

RACE 8
My Darling
Diamond Queen
Blossom Time
Outsider:—Atomic Power.

RACE 9
Fairy Feet
V-J Day
Rose Emme
Outsider:—Lily.

RACE 10
Thunderbolt
Wonderful Coin
Easy-going
Outsider:—Teddington.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1
Southeast Wind
Air Power
The Kam Lung
Outsider:—Dawn

RACE 2
L'Arc Triomphe
Century
Apple Pie
Outsider:—The Lioness

RACE 3
A Grand Time
Eleanor
Crusherhouse
Outsider:—National Glory

RACE 4
Fleetmaster
Chinese Mackerel
Avoca
Outsider:—Ringway

RACE 5
Mabel
Mastery
The Tigress
Outsider:—Robin Hood

RACE 6
Adorable Atalanta
Cinderella
Aan Hing
Outsider:—Arabian Dagger

RACE 7
Amber
Glamour Butterfly
Prince Dahlia
Outsider:—Silver Fox

RACE 8
My Darling
Corrib
Diamond Queen
Outsider:—Blossom Time

RACE 9
V-J Day
Belle Fontaine
The Stranger
Outsider:—Pearl Diver

RACE 10
Teddington
Easy-Going
Thunderbolt
Outsider:—Black Rose

Army League Football

The following are the standings in the Army Minor Units Soccer League Zone II as at December 26.

Units in disagreement with positions as shown are requested to contact the Minor Units League Zone II Secretary, Lieut D. A. Woolley, c/o DCRE Hongkong, Victoria Barracks.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
173 Loc Bty RA	9	6	1	2	31	17	14
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HKCTU	7	0	5	2	10	20	2

ON THE RECORD

GOES TO A PANTOMIME

Sporting Types Go Out Of Their Way

On a declining day of Christmastide, this column must remove itself from the sporting effort and speak, instead, of sportsmen and sportswomen on their Christmas chores.

Yesterday evening, the Kowloon Cricket Club's "Sleeping Beauty" pantomime company played to a full house at 33 General Hospital in Kowloon and brought the house down.

The audience was, indeed, a diverse one. There were men with their heads sewn over with bandages and men who, holding on to chairs, hobbled on to the floor. There were others carried on by four stalwarts, who had accommodation that the best theatre doesn't provide. They watched from their allotted bed space.

When all was over, about one dozen programmes were left scattered about. The rest were being kept as treasured souvenirs.

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In the front rows were a lot of children who didn't care two hoots about a witch. Marvino, as a result, had a poor time of it. They kept razzing the star of the show and he took it in good grace.

Marvino can laugh and cackle in about 18 different keys (if that is possible). Everyone had a go at him, the press inclusive.

The Witch was, of course, the prize piece of the show. He was for three evenings at the Kowloon Cricket Club. He propelled himself on to the stage on a chariot that looked suspiciously of RAF manufacture.

This is quite understandable in these days of competition from the Gremlins and their sisters the Widgets. To be quite straight with readers of this column, a Widget's son, who took the role of Candytuft, was awarded a special prize when all was over.

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As far as 33 General Hospital was concerned, anyway, it was a Widget who stole the show. Prince Charming had hardly walked on the stage when a whistle hit the ceiling and rebounded on the floor and hit the rafters once again and challenged every express for miles around.

The least that can be said about that whistle was that it will be long remembered. It drew up images of characters out of Jack London lighting their last remaining match as the wolves closed in.

Said Old Man Coxall, "I thought these boys were sick."

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In any case, when all was over, Colonel M. A. Rea, OBE, who is the Officer Commanding of 33 General Hospital, called forth four prizes:—

One for the Sleeping Beauty—Panchita Wood, who stepped into the show at a very late hour and was most charming whether asleep or awake;

One for the Prince Charming of Fragrantaria (in case you don't know, that means Hongkong of all places and the Prince, quite definitely, is a Kowloon type)—Lorna Coxall;

One for Candytuft, a woodland elf, who, much to his delight, was tossed head high — Peter Groundwater; and

One for Rudolpho II, the King of Dragonia (which means Kowloon, of course)—Bill Colledge, who wrote and directed the show and rewrote it specially for the 33 General Hospital. He is an old RAMC type and, no matter how long the Colonel has known him, he is still capable of knocking up some runs.

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Awarding 34 prizes would have held the cast up till midnight. No member of a very amateur cast missed out.

Producer Bill Colledge's favourites are the four Ladies-in-waiting — Lady Veronica (Beatrice Chu), Lady Peneople (Joyce Banker), Lady Prunella (Joan Klyhn) and Lady Gladwys (Gladys Mok).

They came into the production at a very late stage of it and proved four of the most co-operative girls in the world.

The King still beams over himself on the fact that the finale was what it should have been as a result of their grand entrance.

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This column's favourites were Hurry (Felicity Blunt) and Quicky (Vic Labrum), around which two characters, we learned to our satisfaction, the continuity of the play was built.

Hurry has to be heard to be appreciated. He (she in reality) is never at a loss, not even in Seven League boots. Quicky can be dismissed in four words. He is Old Vic. That is a trade mark.

Katerina, the Queen (Rita Cole) is another trade mark. You can't add on to or take away from her performance. She was never more regal.

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There were others who made the show. Among them was the Fairy Queen, Appleblossom (Lois Robbins), whose diction was perfect and whose wand was more magical than anyone else's save, perhaps, Quicky's over the Guardsmen.

Supporting fairies were Mayblossom (Elizabeth Stokes), Peachblossom (Janet Wright), Pearblossom (Mary Gillette), Cherryblossom (Heather Grant), Thistledown (Michele Hart-Baker), Sweetbriar (Diana Welchman) and Honeydew (Susan Gillete).

They danced and pranced and were in front of the stage when not on it and helped make it a very informal production. Mixed up with them were Will o'the Wisp (John Rimmer) and Candytuft.

Quite removed from them and the only member of Prince Charming's (Lorna Coxall's) entourage was young Robin Goodfellow (Felix Blunt), whose swordplay was not inferior to the Prince's, though the Prince quite stole the show at 33 G. H.

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The Guardsmen would have stolen the show if it wasn't for the Prince. Sergeant Edwards (Bill Cowie) and his Lance-Corporal (Bill Stone) had a job of it making soldiers out of Bus (Colin Ramage), Mus (Red Symonds) and Gus (Pat White). There were several specials by this outfit, but the best, about the hand grenade, could only have been a Home Guard nightmare.

A good skit, involving the Prince, had to do with a revenue search, including the most modern find-the-gold-bar apparatus, and the Guardsmen really did well by that number.

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Taking turns with the Guardsmen in keeping the special number part of the show going were the Dragonian Councillors—Baron Gusto (Pat Richards), with a very Irish American voice, Sir Percy Piffle, M. D. (Norman Hart-Baker), O. G. Nodder, Esq. (Peter Gower) and Chris Colombus (Dennis McLean).

No four characters ever succeeded better in explaining to the commuter between Dragonia and Fragrantaria why it is so difficult to travel between these two overpopulated centres.

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Finally, there were Gerchell, the Wicked Fairy (Marvino) and Drioc, her familiar (Jacqueline Lawes), and, with all due respect to Marvino's contribution to the pantomime, this column still thinks it is rather unfair that Drioc had to be brought in in fetters for the finale.

The whole show was summed up very well by Colonel Rea. Said the Colonel, "We thank the children who have lost their playtime, the ladies who have lost their knitting and dancing time, and the men who have lost their drinking time."

It was an excellent summing-up. It was still, though, an understatement. The 34 involved had lost, perhaps, playtime and knitting time and drinking time, but they had turned out a pantomime that didn't tax the 2½ hours of anyone who saw it.

—"RECORDER"

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 2nd Race Meeting 1952 to be held on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th January, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 3rd January, 1952.

By Order,
H. Misa,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

At the 1st Race Meeting on 1st January, 1952, the Second Section of Mirs Bay Handicap will be run as Race 9 at 5.00 p.m., and the Second Section of Gin Drinkers Bay Handicap will be run as Race 10 at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THIRTEENTH RACE MEETING 1951

AND

FIRST RACE MEETING 1952

Saturday 29th December 1951 and Tuesday 1st January 1952
(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

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There will be 8 races at the 13th Race Meeting 1951 on the 29th December, and 10 races at the 1st Meeting 1952 on the 1st January.

Through Tickets at $16 for the 13th Race Meeting 1951, and $20 for the 1st Race Meeting 1952 may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 16th February, 1952.

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Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

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HONG KONG,
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Hong Kong, December 29, 1951.

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Hong Kong, December 29, 1951.

Circus-Trained Elephant Is Put Up For Sale

London, Dec. 30.

To Nellie, Comet and Margaret, the three elephants in a Surrey zoo, it seemed just one more day—pleasant and warm enough—when they lumbered off on their pre-breakfast half-mile stroll.

But Margaret, although she did not know it, was in the news. A "Personal" in the Times said:

Elephant for sale, Indian cow ... about 20.

Margaret is only 20, and an elephant may look forward to a life as long as the average man. But advancing years is one of the reasons why 16-year-old Nellie and 11-year-old Comet may soon be without their companion.

Mr. J. C. Davies, managing director of the zoo, explained: "We want to replace with younger stock. Margaret is full-grown and has been here for about 13 years.

"I am prepared to give her a good recommendation, with the reservation that, like most elephants, she can be temperamental at times."

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So Margaret, circus-trained at 4 with many tricks under her trunk, must find somewhere else to earn her living.

Of course, not everyone is in the market for four tons of elephant at £150 a ton.—*London Express Service.*

New Rifle Still In Running

Washington, Dec. 30.

The British .280 is still in the running as the rifle to be used by all 12 Atlantic Pact countries.

It has not been forced into the background by a U.S. decision to place a multi-million dollar order for its own .300 Garand rifle.

A senior British officer in Washington said: "Standardisation of arms for Atlantic Pact forces was never meant to imply an immediate switch to a new weapon.

"Mr Churchill's announcement that the British .280 calibre rifle could not go into full production before 1954 was a realistic and reasonable offer."

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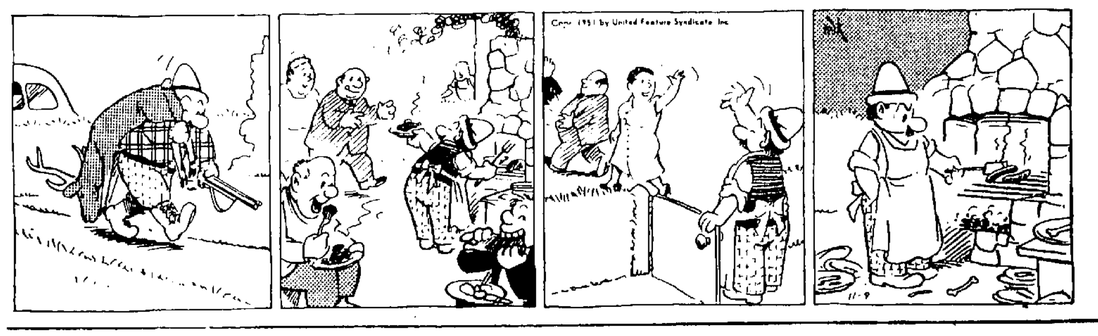

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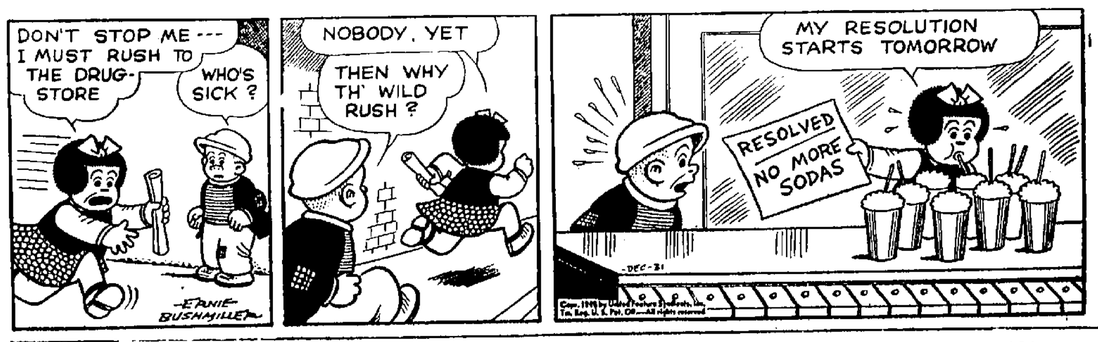

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CAIRO PETS MAN IS RETURNING

London, Dec. 30.

An Englishman with the "freedom of Cairo" is returning to Egypt after a brief visit home to see his mother. He is Mr J. W. Bloom of Elliot Street, Ipswich, who for 14 years has been in charge of an animal welfare clinic at Abbassia, Cairo.

When anti-British demonstrations started in Egypt, an unofficial deputation was sent to beg him not to close down the "animal hospital."

Mr Bloom is superintendent of the Egyptian branch of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. In addition to running the Cairo clinic he visits outlying villages and markets in a mobile "surgery," accompanied by two Egyptian veterinary surgeons. They are unarmed, and their vehicle has no escort. But they have never been molested, although it bears a title printed plainly in English.

If Mr Bloom is called out at night friendly Egyptians form themselves into a volunteer bodyguard outside his home to protect his wife until he returns.

Mr Bloom told a reporter: "The local people really appreciate the work we are doing for their animals, which include camels and water buffalos as well as ordinary domestic pets. Last year we treated 10,000 cases."—*London Express Service.*

PAKISTAN-ITALY PACT APPROVED

Karachi, Dec. 30.

The Pakistani Government today approved a trade agreement between Pakistan and Italy signed in Karachi on December 18.

Under the agreement Pakistan will export mainly raw materials to Italy while Italy will send mainly finished products. All payments will be made in Sterling.—Transpress.

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"ZELIDJA"	Feb. 21	Feb. 29	Saigon
			Homeward For
†BIR HAKEIM	Jan 6	Jan 7	N. Africa & Europe
*"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Jan 25	Jan 26	Marseilles via Manila & Saigon
†"BASTIA"	Jan 25	Jan 26	N Africa & Europe
†"MORTAIN"	Mar 3	Mar 4	N. Africa & Europe

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Advisory Body On Agriculture In The Colonies

London, Dec. 30.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, has appointed a committee, to be known as the Colonial Agricultural Machinery Advisory Committee.

It will be responsible for advising him on the problems of developing and expanding the use of agricultural machinery and implements in the Colonial territories.

The first meeting was held at the Colonial Office.

[illegible] recommendations for the setting up of a committee of this [illegible] were made by the British African Land Utilisation Conference in 1949, and in a subsequent Report on the problems in the mechanisation of Native Agriculture in Tropical Africa.

The Committee will not confine its attention to Africa since the problem is one in which all Colonial territories have an interest and its terms of reference are general "to keep under review the development of the mechanisation of agriculture in Colonial territories; to stimulate trials of existing types of agricultural machinery and to encourage the manufacture of new types."

The Chairman is Mr C. G. Eastwood, an Assistant Under-Secretary of State of the Colonial Office, and Vice-Chairman of the Colonial Advisory Council of Agriculture, Animal Health and Forestry. He presided over the Land Utilisation conference at Jos, Nigeria.

EXPERTS INCLUDED

Its members include officials of the Colonial Office and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, experts in agricultural mechanisation and representatives of the manufacturing industry, as follows.

Sir Geoffrey Clay, Agricultural Adviser, Colonial Office.
Mr G. W. Nye, Deputy Agricultural Adviser, Colonial Office.
Mr W. A. Morris, Colonial Office.
Mr R. W. Foxlee, Crown Agents for the Colonies.
Col P. Johnson, Roadless Traction Ltd.
Mr F. Meadowcroft, Morris Motors Ltd.
Mr H. E. Ashfield, David Brown Tractors Ltd.
Mr S. W. Wright, Ford Motor Company Ltd.
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Mr G. B. W. Schofield, Ransomes Sims and Jefferies.
Captain E. N. Griffiths, Rotary Hoes.
Mr A. C. Nicholson, W. N. Nicholson and Sons.
Mr J. Cromar, Jack Olding and Company Ltd.
Mr W. J. Brith, Massey Harris Ltd.
Mr H. J. Lloyd, The British Agricultural Machinery Manufactures Expert.
Mr R. Gresham Cooke, The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders Ltd.
Col. C. K. Hamilton, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
Mr W. H. Cashmere, National Institute of Agricultural Engineering.
Dr J. R. Raeburn, London School of Economics.
Mr J. W. Y. Higgs, Department of Agriculture, University of Reading.
Mr Frank Sykes, Tytherington Farm.
Mr J. T. A. Howard-Drake, Colonial Office, is Secretary of the Committee.—London Express Service.

MEANING OF YUGOSLAV REFORMS

Washington, Dec. 30.

Informed circles said today that the Yugoslav currency revaluation was one of the sweeping alterations being made in the Yugoslav economic system.

It followed a study made in Yugoslavia by the International Monetary Fund Mission in September and October.

The new exchange rate was seen as a new attraction for tourists as it will give the dollar a good purchasing value there. Because of the shortage of foreign exchange however, Yugoslavia will find it necessary to retain import controls for some time.

The devaluation, informants said, is part of the Yugoslav economic reorganisation which will effect a profound change from the former Soviet-like economy.

While socialism is not being abandoned, they said, much of the detailed Sovietised economic controls will be relaxed to permit the growth of a large number of autonomous enterprises with power of decision over exports and imports.

The wage and price structure is also being simplified to bring about greater internal economic stability.—United Press.

HOLIDAYS IN AMERICA

New York, Dec. 30.

Most leading commodity markets will be closed on Monday, the day before New Year, but the major security markets will operate as usual.

The New York Stock and Curb Exchanges and the Mid-West Stock Exchange in Chicago will operate a full session on December 31, and will be closed all day on January 1. The New York Cotton Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade will be closed for the holiday from 6 p.m. on December 31.

The Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, Commodity Exchange and New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange will be closed all day on Monday. The foreign market also will observe the New Year holiday.—United Press.

EMPIRE FINANCIAL TALKS

Colonies To Be Represented In London

Recognition Of Increasingly Important Role

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 30.

Arrangements for Colonial representation at the forthcoming Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference in London are expected to be completed within a few days.

As in previous Commonwealth conferences the Colonial territories will be represented by the Secretary of State but the present conference will probably wish to follow the procedure adopted at the recent Materials Conference when certain Colonial delegates were invited to attend the full meetings of Ministers.

The increasingly important part played by the Colonies in Commonwealth economic affairs has been fully recognised and they are to have a voice—if only an indirect one—in Mr Oliver Lyttleton who will be advised and assisted by a number of financial experts.

These will be nominated by the various Colonial governments.

The Ministers' talks will cover a wide range of economic subjects, many of them like the question of the Sterling balances of vital importance to the Colonies.

When subject of general interest to individual Colonial territories are discussed, a representative of the Colony concerned will probably be invited to put forward his government's point of view.

The full conference, which will be preceded by a meeting of officials to draft an agenda will begin on January 15 and will last about a fortnight.

A great many subjects of vital concern to the Commonwealth will be discussed. Each country's development and potentialities will be examined in detail so that the Ministers can devise, not "collective policy for solving the twin problems of the scarcity of payments deficit and the dollar gap.

The Colonies are fortunate in having Mr Lyttleton as their special representative at the talks. Before he was appointed to the Colonial Office Mr Lyttelton was considered a favourite for the post of Chancellor of the Exchequer, for which his experience in industry, much of it connected with Colonial enterprises, eminently suited him.

PROPOSED REMEDY

Shortly before the election Mr Lyttelton wrote an article which was published in the Sunday Times and in which he examined the causes of the Sterling Area financial crisis and prescribed a remedy.

It is interesting to recall his views not only for the indication they give of the present Government's aims but also for the hope they hold out to the Colonial territories.

Unless Britain could maintain a greater flow of exports to the rest of the Sterling Area, Mr Lyttelton wrote, our Sterling liabilities would continue to rise as other Sterling countries would use their dollars to import on a large scale from dollar countries and their dollar earnings from their exports would be put into the dollar pool more reluctantly.

Britain must play her full part in the system of triangular trade, he went on. If this country had to live within its own dollar income we should soon learn how artificial was the economy by which 50 million people were supported in these islands. Widespread misery would follow.

These views are likely to be repeated in even blunter terms by certain members of the Commonwealth bloc during the coming conference. As Mr Lyttelton pointed out "disintegrating forces" are a work within the Sterling Area.

STERLING BALANCES

His chief concern, however, was with the rising level of the Sterling balances. We have been kept going by running into debt to our Commonwealth partners. Between 1947 and June of 1951 the Colonial Sterling balances rose by nearly £400 million to £908 million.

These Colonies had a surplus with the dollar area in 1950 of £134 million compared with the United Kingdom's deficit of £107 million. In the first half of 1951 their surplus was £112 million while the UK deficit was £109 million.

Britain, Mr Lyttelton said, was thus "living on the dollar earnings of these Colonies who are prevented from freely converting their Sterling into either goods or dollars and must willy-nilly run up their Sterling balances."

Mr Lyttelton holds the view that these Sterling balances should be used to finance the development of Colonial territories. The Socialists, he said, paid lip-service to the idea of Colonial development "but seized the Colonies' own balances by which these desirable ends could be attained."

It would probably be wrong, however, to read into these lines any indication that the present Government favours the immediate use of the Sterling balances for development purposes.

BIGGEST PROBLEM

Our biggest problem at the moment is to export enough goods to the rest of the Sterling Area to prevent a breakdown in the system of triangular trade, and this precludes any large-scale increase in the provision of capital for development purposes.

At the same time, however, renewed efforts will undoubtedly be made to expand the production of Commonwealth raw materials in order to reduce our dependence on the dollar area.

A great deal will, therefore, depend on the efforts made in this country to step up exports of development goods to the Colonies.

Whether or not Mr Lyttelton's views on the Sterling balances are in accord with those of his colleagues in the Cabinet is a matter for conjecture. But in at least two respects his formula for solving the crisis has now become part of Government policy.

His forecast that "it might prove necessary to resort to the traditional methods of combating inflation" has been confirmed by recent measures designed to restrict the volume of credit through a rise in interest rates, and the first step towards implementation of his second recommendation—to work towards the convertibility of the Pound—has been taken with the decision to reopen the London foreign exchange market.

Competition For Lancashire

London, Dec. 30.

The British Rayon Synthetic Fibres Federation announced today it was tightening policies to meet growing overseas competition, particularly from Germany and Italy.

Mr William Palmer, Chairman, has gone to South Africa to investigate conditions there and to discuss the situation with Government and business leaders, it added.

The position of other important overseas markets was also being reviewed.—Reuter.

START ON NEW AIR SYSTEM

Sydney Dec. 30.

On remote and colourful Cocos Island in the Indian Ocean, Australia is rebuilding an airstrip of strategic importance, linking Australia with South Africa and Britain.

The projected airline will run [illegible] south of the equator between Perth, Western Australia, Cocos, Mauritius and Durban, thence to Johannesburg.

Flying Corps reservists of the Royal Australian Air Force will construct the airstrip on Direction Island, Cocos Group.

In event of war Australian authorities recognise that facilities in south and south-east Asia might be jeopardised. Furthermore, the present route traverses an area of [illegible] tensions, including the Indo-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir, Egyptian demands for withdrawal of British forces from the Suez Canal, and Communist guerrilla warfare in Malaya.

EFFECT ON TRADE

The decision to establish an air service recognises the necessity for trade between South Africa and Australia. The new route will cut air travel time between Sydney and Johannesburg from eight days to three-and-a-half days.

Cocos Island is a fabled pinpoint in the Indian Ocean at the crossroads of the Fremantle (Australia)—Colombo, Capetown-Singapore shipping routes.

During the war against Japan the Allies established an airbase at Cocos, also known as the Keeling Islands, for aerial reconnaissance of vital shipping lanes. It also protected one of the most important relay stations in the vast British Commonwealth Imperial network of communications cables.

Cocos is a group of about 20 small coral islands situated approximately 580 miles southwest of Indonesia with a population of nearly 1,200 about 800 of whom are natives, mostly of the Malay Moslem strain.

CHIEF PRODUCT

Britain acquired Cocos in 1857, placed it under the Ceylon governor in 1878, and under the Straits Settlement administration in Singapore in 1886. In 1903 it was incorporated with the Singapore settlement. Its chief product is cocoanuts.

On November 9, 1914, Cocos was the scene of a celebrated naval battle in which the Australian cruiser Sydney sank the raiding German cruiser Emden.

To facilitate construction and administration of the air installation, the British Government recently transferred Cocos to Australian jurisdiction.

The initiative for reconstruction of the wartime airship comes from the Australian Government, the sole shareholder in Quantas Empire Airways.

Five hundred Australians will work with natives on the $1,550,000 project. First step will be the erection of a small village of prefabricated houses for employees of Quantas, the Australian Civil Aviation Department, Australian Meteorological Bureau, and an oil company.

An 8,000-foot crushed coral runway will accommodate the largest commercial airliners, as well as large war planes.—United Press.

Oil Pipeline Will Cross The Rockies

Ottawa, Dec. 30.

Work on 700 miles of 24-inch oil pipeline across the Rocky Mountains from Edmonton, Alberta, to Vancouver, is to start next Spring.

This £28,000,000 project is to be one of the greatest engineering jobs ever undertaken in Canada.

The line will enable the rich Alberta oilfields to supply the Pacific coast with 37,500 barrels of crude oil a day at first, later 75,000, and eventually 200,000 barrels a day.

As Alberta's production increases, oil will flow across the mountains for loading in tankers at Vancouver to supply overseas markets.

Construction difficulties in the way of the line are tremendous. It will run through some of the most rugged mountain country in the world. It is due to be completed late in 1953.

This is the second major pipeline from the Alberta field. The other runs to the head of the Great Lakes at Superior, Wisconsin, where tankers collect the oil for refineries in Eastern Canada.—London Express Service.

"QUEEN MARY" CHALLENGED

London, Dec. 30.

With eight tons of new paint on her hull, more than 1,000ft. long, the 17-year-old Queen Mary has returned to North Atlantic service. Still the world's fastest liner, she has been having a five-week clean at Southampton.

Most of the paint which went on while she was in dry-dock is now under water.

Before her next overhaul, the Queen Mary and her sister-ship the Queen Elizabeth, will have to meet their biggest challenge on the North Atlantic.

The United States, the largest post-war liner, is due to sail from the U.S.A. in the summer. Her speed will be comparable with the speed of the Queens.—London Express Service.

Report On The U.S. Economy

Washington, Dec. 30.

The Federal Reserve Board reported today, after a full year of the new mobilisation programme that general business activity is at about the same level as a year ago.

Industrial output, construction activity, employment, retail sales and wholesale prices are lower now than they were earlier this year, but are much the same as they were at the end of 1950.

Individual incomes, however, are above the 1950 levels. The Board said that average hourly factory wages rose to an all-time high of $1.62 in November, compared with $1.51 a year ago.

It said the consumer price index advanced 0.6 per cent from mid-October to mid-November, chiefly as a result of higher food prices and excise tax increases.

The rate of steel production reached an all-time high last month despite the scrap metal shortages.

Activity in manufacturers equipment industries continued to expand last month.

Automobile production fell off in November and December. Car production for the last three months was about 1,100,000, which was a third lower than in the same period of last year.—United Press.

Russians May Purchase More Indian Pepper

Bombay, Dec. 30.

Indian black pepper exporters hope for increasing sales to Soviet Russia, once an insignificant buyers of the spice.

Russia bought 1,000 tons of Indian output in the 11 months ending November 1, 1951. Bombay exporters declared. The United States bought 9,000 tons, followed closely by the United Kingdom with 2,000 tons.

Russia is buying the pepper with Rupees gained in the sale of 100,000 tons of food grains to India during the Spring food crisis.

Soviet purchases have eased a recent crisis in the Indian pepper industry, which has felt the pinch of competition from Indonesia and other countries.

India earned Rs255,000,000 in 1951 from pepper exports, maintaining its place as the world's largest black pepper supplier. Hard currency areas imported 162,000,000 Rupees of the total.

Malabar State grows the biggest portion of the Indian pepper crop. Conditions from there have been reported as not promising in the current year.—Associated Press.

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"TJIBADAK"	Jan. 15th	Singapore, Penang & Djakarta
"TJITJALENGKA"	Jan 18th	Japan
"BOISSEVAIN"	Jan 20th	Japan Ports
"TJIWANGI"	Jan 28th	Singapore, Java & Macassar
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Jan 30th	Singapore, Penang & B. Deli
"TJITJALENGKA"	Feb. 8th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
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"TJILUWAH"	Mar 15th	Singapore, Java & Macassar
"BOISSEVAIN"	Mar 24th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TJIWANGI"	Mar. 31st	Singapore, Java & Macassar

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"TJITJALENGKA"	Dec 31st	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
"RUYS"	Jan. 3rd	Japan
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Jan. 7th	B. Deli, Djakarta & Singapore
"BOISSEVAIN"	Jan. 18th	S. America, Africa, Singapore & Manila
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The Bright Lights Draw Me, Says Blonde Informer

London, Dec. 30.

Facts so often masked by that policeman's phrase "Acting on information received" were brought into the open at London Sessions. Two men were gaoled on information Scotland Yard got from their No. 1 informer, a five-foot blonde of 26. And, despite police protest, her name was given in court — Miss Margery Smith.

For the first time she sat to hear the court consequences of her underworld tips to the Yard.

James Thomas Shaw, bald, 65-year-old owner of Princes-gate, Bayswater, was gaoled for 18 months. Richard W F Wolfe, aged 32, of Woodfield-road, Paddington, got 12 months.

Margery's pals. The two men she "shopped" detectives had 31 travellers' cheques, worth £300, stolen from the car of the home-holidaying British Consul-General at Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Sitting next to her in court was a Scotland Yard detective who looks less like a detective, perhaps, than any Yard man. It was for him, too, the first time he had been in the court's spotlight in his 20 years' detective work.

UNDERCOVER

For Detective Douglas ("Cash") Moneypenny was the link between blonde informer Margery and the Yard's Flying Squad.

Miss Smith contacted him with the tip about Shaw and White. He arranged to meet them with Miss Smith in a car outside the Dorchester.

Detective Moneypenny has been kept on undercover work because of his flair for passing unnoticed among the underworld's characters, his photographic memory, his complete fluency in underworld and rhyming slang, and his steel nerves.

Posing as Eddie Collins, a "wide boy" he said he would buy "hot" cheques at half-price.

He gave Miss Smith a telephone number and instructions that "Shaw or White was to call that number, which, he said, was that of a West End club, at a given time.

"Cash" took the call. Not in any West End club, but in a Park-lane call box. He answered the ring "Sam's Club here."

'I WAS AFRAID'

Then he pointed out the crooks' car parked outside the Dorchester, to Detective Sergeants Burton and Ridge, and moved off. The two detective sergeants arrested Shaw and White. White had the stolen cheques.

And the blonde informer and Detective Moneypenny would have remained off-stage if Shaw and White had not insisted on their legal right to call Miss Smith as a defence witness.

First she told the jury that the Yard sergeants had used her to "plant" the cheques on one of the men. This evidence brought Chief Inspector Clifford Hilton hurrying to court. Miss Smith confessed to him in a court ante-room that she had given it because she had been threatened.

Then she returned to the witness box and, twisting a wispy pink scarf said: "The two sergeants are innocent. I lied because I was afraid. I am not afraid any more." The chairman, Mr Anthony Hawke, urged the jury to disregard her evidence entirely.

REAL RISK

To the jury Mr J. H. Buzzard, prosecuting, explained that Yard men are protected from having to name their informers. He said: "Informers whose names are revealed run a very real risk from crooks."

Police asked that photographers should not add to that risk by taking Miss Smith's picture. But she, lighting an American cigarette, said: "Why not? I am not afraid." Once she was runner-up for a beauty queen title.

She said afterwards: "I can take care of myself, and I have Micky, my Alsatian, at my flat. Leave London? The police have been trying to talk me into a holiday in the country. But I came to Town because I like the bright lights. Here I am and here I stay."

But she was taken from the court in a police car.

And Detective Moneypenny disappeared to become once again an explanation of that phrase — *Acting on information received.*

Railways Look For The Echo

London, Dec. 30.

Instruments which detect hidden and invisible flaws in metal are helping to keep British trains and London tubes safe. They were developed during the war to find hair-line cracks which might cause military equipment to fail.

Now they are standard equipment in railway workshops to test wheels and axles.

France, the Argentine and other countries are following Britain's lead.

The instrument works on much the same principle as echo-sounding apparatus used at sea.

Pulses of energy are transmitted through the metal and reflected back as echoes. If the pulse encounters a flaw the echo is immediately reflected back, arriving at the surface of the metal quicker than if there was no flaw.—London Express Service.

For An American, No Council House

London, Dec. 30.

An American has been told by Torquay Council that he cannot have a council house — because he is an American.

He is 37-year-old Grant Corbett, married for eight years to a Torquay girl.

They have three children and nine relatives live with them at their three-bedroomed Alpha Cottage in Torquay's Madrepore-road.

"Become a British subject and you may get a council house," the housing comittee told Mr Corbett, formerly of the U.S. Navy.

Mrs Corbett said: "We have been on the housing list for five years. A council house would seem like heaven."

'AN ALIEN'

Commander H. St John Clay, chairman of Torquay's housing committee, explained:—

"The council decided that no alien shall get a house before a Briton.

"This man is an alien. He wants to stay American and yet get a British council house. If he likes to get naturalised he will get a council house."

Grant Corbett is now helping to build caravans—at £7 a week.

Would he change his nationality? "No," he said. He is proud "just to stay an American."

And Mrs Corbett, who has lived in the U.S. Deep South, and pined for Devon? She says:—

"I would not think of my husband changing his nationality. I would just hate having to sacrifice mine."

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Decorated with 7,500 red, white and blue incandescent stars and light bulbs —this 82 ft. Christmas tree, and its surrounding plastic fountains, make a colourful setting on the Promenade at the famous Rockefeller Centre, New York, and gave onlookers that Christmas feeling.—London Express.

Oxford University Loses To Prison

New York, Dec. 30.

Oxford University's touring debaters have been beaten for the first time in their 11 weeks in America — by two inmates of Massachusetts State Prison.

The subject debated was medicine. Oxonians William Rees-Mogg and Dick Taverne were arguing for it.

"But" said Rees-Mogg, "the prison men scored heavily when they said they had been treated under socialised medicine for the past few years, and couldn't say they liked it."

The prisoners — introduced only as "Bill" and "Murt" — had so many good arguments ready that Rees-Mogg was startled.

"They did not send out scouts to learn what we were going to say like many of our other opponents," he said. "They were not in a position to, you know."

UNBEATEN

But the losers had one consolation. They learned that the prison debaters had never been beaten — even by Harvard University, whom the Oxford men beat last Sunday.

And Rees-Mogg and Taverne had some good things to say about the prison ("just like some small American universities") and their prison dinner of chicken, peas, and rich cake ("certainly better than at Oxford").

Murt, who had only an elementary education, and Bill, who once went to law school, gave the losers a cigarette lighter and prison-made wallets and wood-carvings. A Supreme Court judge and a State Governor smiled on the judges' bench.

Helicopter Will Lay Power Line

Birmingham, Dec. 30.

For the first time in Britain a helicopter is to be used for laying a power cable line over the Malvern Hills. By its use it is hoped to avoid destruction of hundreds of trees.

The project will be started during the first week of January if the weather is suitable.

It is planned to span a 1,250ft. wide valley over closely packed trees on the western side of the Malvern ridge down into the foothills. There will be no support for the cable for the whole distance.

The normal method is for the cable to be laid along the ground and then drawn taut from the top of one pole to another. To do this in the Malvern valley would entail the felling of hundreds of trees and the lopping of branches from many more.

To avoid this scar on the landscape, the idea of using the helicopter came from Mr R. Mallet, manager of the Worcester and District sub-area of the Midlands Electricity Board.

CABLE IN ONE SPAN

When Mr Mallet visited America as a member of the British Electricity Authority production team two years ago, he saw helicopters being used on similar work. He said to-night: "I could see no reason why we should not attempt the same thing.

"The plan is for the helicopter to carry over a relatively light, stout cord of about two to three cwts across the valley. It is then intended to pull over balloon wire which will be strong enough to draw the cable.

"We hope that when the cable is drawn tightly it will be well above the trees. There will be no intermittent supports and the cable will span the 1,250ft. We hope by this method to preserve the amenities of this beautiful valley."

The work is to be done by a Cambridge firm who use helicopters for spraying. An alternative plan was the firing of rockets, but this method was rejected because of its inaccuracy.

In the Chancery Division on Monday, an action by the National Trust to restrain the Midlands Electricity Board from erecting a 500-yard overhead cable on the Malvern Hills was dismissed.

Mr Justice Vaisey said: "Everybody regrets the necessity of invading the peace of the countryside by ugly signs of industrialism. But it is necessary to preserve some sense of proportion in the matter and things often turn out more happily than they seem at first to promise."

Living Language

Why we say Cenotaph.

When we say "the Cenotaph" we almost always mean the monument to the illustrious dead of the Four Years War which stands in Whitehall, London. Why "Cenotaph"? Because it is a tomb which is empty, the name being composed of two Greek words, "Kenos" empty, and "taphos" a tomb.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office; registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

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By Air

Japan, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Indo-China, 5 p.m., C.P.A.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Japan, 2 p.m., ss Glenartney.
Canada, 2 p.m., ss Java Mail.
Philippines, 2 p.m., ss Mandeville.

GENERAL HOLIDAY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1952
By Air

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 10 a.m., via Air France.
Formosa, Japan, 11 a.m., C.A.T.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m., B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9 a.m., C.P.A.

By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; Noon, ss Lee Hong/Tai Loy.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; Noon, train via Canton.
Indo-China, 9 a.m., ss Elsbeth.
Malaya, India, Pakistan, Noon, ss Thai.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2
By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m., via P.A.L.
Formosa, 10 a.m., C.A.T.
Siam, Burma, India, Noon, P.O.A.S.
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., C.P.A.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.

By Surface

Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.
Formosa, 9 a.m., ss Wing Sang.
Malaya, 9 a.m., ss Benvag.
Philippines, 10 a.m., ss Hydra.
Japan, 2 p.m., ss Szechuen.
Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m., ss Nanking.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3
By Air

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m., via B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, 5 p.m., Air France.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Half Hour—presented by Elizabeth Ann (Studio); 6.30, The Tonhalle Orchestra; 7, Time Signal, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, London Studio Melodies (BBCTS)—Eric Robinson and his Orchestra with Kay Cavendish (Piano). 7.45, Artist of the Week —Aksel Schiotz (Tenor); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Light Orchestral; 8.30, "I Like What I Like"—presented by Alan Bowden (Studio); 9, "Calling all Forces" (BBCTS), with Ted Ray, Petula Clark, and Geraldo and his Concert Orchestra; 9.30, Favourites from the Shows; 10, "Concertos"—Organ Concerto No. 4 in F (Handel) ...Dr G. D. Cunningham (Organ) and the City of Birmingham Orchestra conducted by George Weldon, Piano Concerto No. 1 in G Minor Op. 25 (Mendelssohn)...Eileen Joyce (Piano) with the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Anatole Fistoulari; 10.30, "Old Time Dances" played by Harry Davidson and his Orchestra; 11, Radio Newsreel (Recorded Relay); 11.15, Geraldo and his Orchestra "Play for Dancing"; 11.30, "Memories" played by Debroy Somers and his Band; 11.50, "At the Gate of the Year"; Big Ben Chimes; Auld Lang Syne; God Save The King; 12 midnight, Close down.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers

1. It is used in prospecting for uranium ores. 2. Three. (Genesis, vi. 10). 3. In the sky: It is the constellation better known as the Plough. 4. Christ Church, Oxford. 5. A letter of thanks sent by departed guest to hostess. From the Mr Collins of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." 6. Venice. (Wordsworth).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Prostitution In HK

Sir,—I refer to "Comment of the Day" in your issue of Saturday, 22nd December, 1951.

So the old evergreen is being given another airing, we are once again (or still) very concerned about the Social Evil and the Medical Dept. are getting down to cases.

One does not need medical qualifications to know the source of the evil, neither does one need to be a Solomon to know that it cannot be controlled by any pusillanimous and half hearted measures.

The question that arises is: Was the incidence less in the days of licensed houses prior to 1932?

If so, the answer is very obvious.

Why not let us be honest for once and really face facts?

Hongkong is a Garrison Town in a tropical climate, and should be catered for as such, dear Old Ladies and politicians notwithstanding.

Let us have our Red Light districts on both sides of the harbour, make them a cul-de-sac type easily controlled and patrolled, with real medical supervision, put a premium on promiscuous (sly) prostitution, with severe penalties, not only against the prostitute but against the collaborating male.

This, surely, would be more sensible, efficacious and decent than the herding of our unfortunates into Black Marias periodically for forcible examination as suggested.

SPIRO-KEET.

Want Alexander To Stay

Toronto, Dec. 30.

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Mystery Men To Try And Locate A Sunken Ship

London, Dec. 30.

Unknown treasure hunters are planning to recover a shipload of copper from a vessel sunk nearly 100 years ago. It was in 1858 that the Bell sailed from Carrizal, Chile, bound for Hamburg, with a cargo of 600 tons of copper in bars.

She foundered in the South Pacific on October 28 of that year 70 miles north of Coquimbo, Chile, and not far from the shore.

Soaring metal prices have put the copper cargo of the Bell at near-precious metal levels today. What was once worth about £50,000 is now valued at more than £136,000.

News that an attempt may be made to salve the copper has reached Lloyd's committee in London.

"We do not know who the people are who may make the attempt," a Lloyd's spokesman said, "but we are doing our best to trace anybody who may have a claim to the cargo."

"There is little on record about the ship that carried the valuable cargo."—*London Express Service.*

FIGHT TO KEEP LINK WITH UK

Toronto, Dec. 30.

Canada's women are protesting against the recently announced decision to drop the word "Dominion."

At first the matter went almost unnoticed. Unobtrusively, for two years, the Government have been eradicating the word from official publications.

Matters came to a head in Parliament last month when the title of the Dominion Lands Survey Act was changed to the Canada Lands Survey Act.

MPs expressed disapproval, but the Prime Minister, Mr St. Laurent, was emphatic. The country, in future, would be known merely as Canada, he said, and not as the Dominion of Canada.

'DEBT TO BRITAIN'

That started something. Chief among the champions of the traditional link with Britain are the influential Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire.

Mrs Cecil L. Brown, president of the Ontario Provincial Chapter of the Order, issued a statement saying: "We in Canada can never repay the debt that we owe to the Motherland. . . . The attempt to eliminate every vestige of British symbolism and nomenclature is antagonising thousands of loyal Canadian women."

Women's Institutes, too, are indignant. And other protests have been made by members of the Council of Women, the Silver Cross Women of Canada, and the English-speaking Union. —London Express Service.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

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"Now don't ask your father for party money until I find out his score and how the match came out!"

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Either P or Mrs. P scored three twos. The only total that can be built up in seven ways, so as to conform to the data, is 11:
(1) 6 4 1 1. (2) 6 3 2 1.
(3) 6 2 2 1. (4) 4 4 2 1. (5) 4 3 3 1.
(6) 4 3 2 2. (7) 3 3 3 2.
P's bag must be (6), so Mrs. P's bag is (3).
Mrs. Pepham shot three zebra and one hippo.
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From The Files

100 Years Ago

Hongkong must be a perfect nuisance to the Chinese Government; and it is no wonder that the feeling of hatred and rancour exists towards us which is now and then exhibited, either in open opposition or in underhand connivance at ill treatment. By the laws of China, opium is an illegal traffic; here, in our *free* port, the retail of it is licensed, and the free trader's chief complaint is that any fee at all should be imposed to check our dealers in their operations. Salt, too, is a monopoly of the Chinese Government; but here, in licensing its weighing, we hold out a premium to those who commit breaches of their country's revenue laws. Again, amongst other instances of the *prosperity* of this Colony, we find Governor Davis, on one occasion, telling of the large Sugar shipments—in other words telling of the facility afforded to smugglers to defraud the Chinese Government of two mace five candereens per picul on every batch of Sugar taken from this port. Hongkong is not only a nuisance to the Chinese Government, but, in this last respect, it is of injury also to the honestly disposed trader. Those who would set themselves up for lights on Chinese matters have lately spoken of the falling off of sugar exports hence, as a sign of decline in our colonial prosperity; not much weight is attached, however, because it is also shown that all the benefit we derive from these sugar shipments is the profit to our Ship Chandlers on the sale of certain articles of wear and tear whilst the ships lie here *harbour dues free*, the said sugar being brought from the mainland in smuggling boats, and pitched into the hold of the vessel without ever being landed on our shores. But it would appear that the Mandarins being aware of the course that *would be* pursued, if they attempted to enforce the duties on sugar, have, for a long time past, notoriously winked at its unmanifested export from Canton. There is a medium in all things, however, and, so far as we can learn, the smugglers have overdone it, and, instead of keeping up some kind of show of payment of duties, have only made them on about ten piculs out of a hundred. Having also, to use the words of a correspondent "neglected to make proportionate TIP to the Mandarins" the Shops of some five of the principal brokers have been closed; and the parties implicated in the defrauding of revenue are said to be undergoing an examination regarding the matter. We have long had our doubts about the advantage, to *any one* in the long run, of Hongkong being retained a FREE PORT; and would commend these hastily penned remarks, and the attendant circumstances, to the consideration of those disposed to favour the British Parliament with "further Statements and suggestions regarding the Colony."

Land Sales

At the Land Sale yesterday four lots were delineated on the sale plan; but we do not know of the sale of more than three of them; the other being situated up among the rocks, near the Musjheed, where a certain cemetery was once advertised, the principal condition on which a party could be buried there being that earth was brought with the body to cover it. The lot, if it was disposed of at all, will have added some thirty shillings per annum to the Colonial Rent Roll. The three lots we know of being sold were as follows—A plot knocked down to Messrs. Murrow, Stephenson & Co. containing 108,150 square feet at an annual rental of £50, and a bonus of Five Dollars down. This lot is between the Parsee Cemetery, and Messrs Bowra & Co.'s Water Depot in Navy Bay. (When Government shift the position of their Naval Stores it will take double the rental to pay a sufficient guard for it,—of course Government are bound to accord protection wherever land is sold). The next lot was a plot in the rear of Circular Buildings, knocked down to Mr Duddell at an annual rental of £4. 0. 6 and a bonus of $35. Another piece, No. 200, was bought by Ayum for £4. 17. per annum, and although three houses stood on the ground, no bonus whatever; bystanders being fairly ashamed at the act of Government in exposing the lot to competition at all. We are promised shortly a communication on this subject of Land Sales in Hongkong. — From the circumstances that induce the communication (as known to us) we only hope the writer will not bear too hard on the HONOUR, and GOOD FAITH, of Hongkong Officials.